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CORNISH MINING SHARE MARKET.—We are glad to be able to report that the prospects of the Cornish Mine Share Market have decidedly improved within the past few days; a little more business is being transacted, the market is somewhat steadier, and prices have an upward tendency. It was thought by some persons that a further reduction would have been made in the tin standards on Monday, but fortunately this did not take place, and the tin market has been rather strengthened by the fact that the Dutch Trading Company only intend holding two public sales during the autumn, and that the maximum quantity to be brought forward at each sale will not exceed 100 tons, which is about the usual amount. The copper market also looks better, and the threatened strike in the trade seems to be nothing, so that the smelters, in making such a drop, were bound to say the least of it, taking "time by the forelock." On the whole, we think the outlook more healthy, and with a reaction in the price of tin and copper, and a reduction in the price of materials, we might again hope to see mining in Cornwall look brighter, although the scarcity of men seems to be telling almost everywhere. If a plan, enabling men to earn more wages by working harder (without being checked in the next month) could be introduced, it would, doubtless, have a beneficial effect. Previous to the last day or two not much business was transacted, and dividend paying mines have been paying off their dividends. The following are the closing prices.—Carn Breva Bult in at 100 to 105. Cook's Kitchen, enquired for, at 17½ to 18½. Dolcoath slightly in demand, at about 49 to 50. East Pool, 9½ to 10½; East Lovell, 16 to 17. Great Wheel Vor quiet, at 6½ to 6¾. New Rosewarne, 2½ to 3; not much doing. North Roskear, 8 to 8½ to 6¾. Cook's Kitchen, 1½ to 1½; Providence, 9 to 10, quiet. Rosewall Hill share declined to 10s., 15s., and not much enquired for. South Condurrow steady, at 6¼ to 6½. South Carn Breva shares have gone rather quieter, at 8½ to 4. South Frances, 9 to 10, quiet. South Crofty, 60 to 51. St. Ives Consols, 12 to 15. The above are all shares. West Basset, 7½ to 11½, steady; we hear of a crop in demand, at 40½ to 50½. West Chiverton, 11 to 11½, steady; we hear of the late improvement favourably spoken of. West Looe, 7½ to 10, steady; we hear of a crop in demand, at 40½ to 50½. It is to be hoped that the committees of this mine, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Williams, will succeed in their present efforts to arrive at an amicable settlement of the encroachment question. West Tolgus, 27 to 29; Wheal Kitty (St. Agnes) steady, at 14 to 15; Wheal Seton, 47½ to 48½; Wheal Margaret, 5 to 5½; Unity Woods flatter, at 16s. to 18s. Botallacks quiet, at 14s to 15s.—*West Briton*.

Meetings of Public Companies.

SOUTH DARREN MINING COMPANY.

A general meeting of shareholders was held at the offices, Austin-friars, yesterday.—Mr. JARDINE in the chair.

The notice convening the meeting was read. The accounts made up to the present time showed liabilities over assets, 323/7s. 6d.

The report was read, as follows:—

June 4.—Herewith we beg to submit to you the following report of this mine with the amount of work done since the last general meeting:—The 90 has been extended west about 9 fathoms, and the lode throughout this drive presents a kindly appearance, composed of good clay-slate, carbonate of lime, containing spots of lead and copper ore, with every prospect from its appearance of improvement. We have about 2½ fathoms more to drive to reach the perpendicular of productive ore ground driven through in the level above (the 80) for about 40 fms. in length, and valued at 10s., 20s., and 25s. per fathom. The 80 has been extended west about 6 fathoms, through a strong and promising lode, valued at from 16s. to 18s. per fathom; the lode in the end is 2½ ft. wide, composed of blue slate, carbonate of lime, lead, and copper ore, valued at 14s. per fathom, and presenting such indications as promise an early improvement. From the character of the lode driven through in this level, with the rich bunch of silver-lead ore gone down in the bottom, we are anxiously looking forward to the intersecting and opening on it at deeper levels, fully believing that it will be found profitably productive. We should here remark that the 90 and 80 ends would have been further extended had it not been for the frost, and other hindrances which we have had to contend with. The lode in the stope over the 80 (three in number) are from 2 to 4 ft. wide, worth from 10s., 17s., and 18s. per fathom. The 70 has been extended west about 7 fathoms; the lode has throughout this extent produced some good lead and copper ore, valued in places from 10s. to 12s. per fathom. The lode in the end is 2 ft. wide, with good indications of an approaching improvement, valued at 9s. per fathom for lead and copper ore. The lode in the stope over the 70 west is 2½ ft. wide, and worth for lead and copper ore 14s. per fathom, and is improving as we go up. The lode in the stope over the 50 west is 2 ft. wide, and worth for lead and copper ore 8s. per fathom. The lode in the stope in the bottom of the 50 west is 2 ft. wide, worth for lead and copper ore 10s. per fathom. The returns for the last six months have been less than expected, owing chiefly to the weather, and other hindrances, as mentioned above. We recommend the present points of operation to be continued, which will incur a monthly expenditure in labour cost and merchants' bills of about \$200, against which we calculate, unless prevented by any unforeseen occurrence, on returning about 400/ per month, including lead and copper ore, until such time as more ore ground shall have been laid open. In conclusion, we beg to say that we consider the prospects of the mine have improved, and, on the whole, have not looked so well for a long time as at present. The machinery is in good working order.—J. BOUNDY, W. H. BOUNDY.

The CHAIRMAN said the report contained all the information the directors possessed. Their agent promised a profit of 80/ per month, and if those promises were realised they would do very well.

Capt. BOUNDY stated that they had been hindered by one month's frost, in addition to which the main rod had broken. The present water-wheel could not carry them much deeper, but there was a long run of ore ground to be taken away. The report and accounts were adopted.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CAPE COPPER MINING COMPANY.—At a meeting of the directors, on Wednesday, a dividend of 20s. per share, free of income tax, was declared.

BLUE HILLS.—At a general meeting, yesterday (Col. W. Clarke in the chair), the accounts for the quarter showed a debit balance of 310/ 10s. 4d.; 2½ tons of tin had been sold, realising 102/ 1s. 10d. A dividend of 2s. per share was made. [The agent's report will be found among our Mining Correspondence.]

WHEEL BASSET AND GRILLS.—At the meeting, on May 28, the accounts show a loss on the 15 weeks of 200/ 12s. 3d., and a total debit balance of 567/ 9s. 9d. Materials, the cost of which exceeds 400/., still remain to be disposed of. Capt. W. Oats and P. Frisk report:—Our merchants' bills and labour cost have been heavy, having used pretty much coal during the winter months, and the prices high—the average for four months 31s. 10d., delivered on the mine. We have also used pretty much timber for securing adit, putting up whims, &c.; and the drop in the price of tin has made a considerable difference in our credit. The mine continues to open out very well, and we believe with a little perseverance in opening on the north lode we shall have a good mine. We have employed on the north lode 45 men; tribute, 32 men and 7 boys; engineers, 4; pitmen, 1; carpenters and sawyers, 3 men and 1 boy; smiths, 2 men; bruising samples, 1 man; landers and fillers, 7 men; spallers and surface labour, 10 men; stamps-floors, 4 men, 30 boys, and 40 girls—total, 109 men, 38 boys, and 40 girls. [For remainder of Meetings see to-day's Supplement.]

THE VAN MINES—MONTHLY REPORT.

June 4.—Sesham's engine-shaft is sunk 6 fms. 1 ft. below the 60 fm. level. The 60 is extended 7 fms. east of shaft; the lode in the present end is worth for lead ore 60/ per cubic fathom. The 60, west of shaft, is extended 11 fms.; the lode here looks strong and mysterious, and is worth for the part carried 150/ per cubic fathom. The 45, west of shaft, is now extended 57 fms.; the lode in the present end is worth for the width carried 120/ per cubic fathom for lead ore. The winze sinking below the 45, to ventilate the 60 west, is down 7 fms.; there is a rich lode to be seen going down on the heading or footwall of this winze. We shall commence sinking another winze in a few days, on the bottom of this level, at a point 30 fms. east of the 45 fm. level cross-cut, for the purpose of ventilating the 60. The 45, east of shaft, has been extended 57 fms., and is still driving by side of the lode. The stope in the back of this level, east and west of shaft, are worth in some places 100/ per cubic fathom; but, taking an average for the entire length and width, they are worth about 35/ per cubic fathom for lead ore; average width, 22 ft. The 30 fm. level, west of shaft, is at present suspended, and the men are putting up a rise to the 15 for ventilation; the rise is up 4 fms. The winze sinking in bottom of this level, at a point 30 fms. west of shaft, is down 8½ fms.; we are still sinking by the side of a rich lode here. The 15, west of shaft, is being driven forward as rapidly as possible by four men; the lode in the present end is superior to the stope in the back of this level, which is now 15 fms. east and west of shaft, are worth on an average 32/ per cubic fathom; average width 22 ft. The winze in bottom of the 15 east, 128 fms. east of shaft, for the purpose of ventilating the 30, is in good course of sinking. The three stope in back of the 15 are on the average 24 ft. wide, worth 130/ per cubic fathom. The permanent levels are being pushed forward with full dispatch. The machinery is in good working order. Our monthly sales take place to-morrow: quantities, 450 tons of lead ore, and 200 tons of blende.—WM. WILLIAMS.

TYLLWYD SILVER-LEAD MINE.

The following special report has been made up on this property by Capt. Richard Harvey, the manager of West Esgrail Lie:—

June 4.—I have carefully inspected this mineral property, both at surface and underground, and find it situated about 7½ miles from the shipping port of Aberystwyth, with a good road leading to the mine. The strata is about a mile in length and upwards of three-quarters of a mile in breadth. Through it run three parallel lodes, underlying south about 1 ft. in a fathom; the stratum in which these lodes are embedded is clay-slate, being identical with that of the rich mines surrounding—Frongoch, Goginan, and the Lisburne Mines. The lodes run eastwards into a hill about 150 fathoms high. At the base of this hill a level has been driven east on the course of the south lode about 30 fathoms, from which a great quantity of lead ore has been raised and sold without the aid of machinery. The old men worked the bottom of this level for a few fathoms, but were obliged to abandon it, in consequence of the water being too quick for manual labour. In sinking an engine-shaft from surface on the course of this lode, and to communicate with this level, I was much surprised to see such fine rocks of ore being broken only 6 fathoms from the surface. This, indeed, is most encouraging, as this point is far eastward of any other workings, and is entirely in virgin ground. At the entrance of the adit level a shaft has been sunk on this lode about 10 fms., where a good course of ore exists—in fact, the last 2 fathoms sunk produced upwards of 2 tons of clear ore. The new engine-shaft is coming down from surface in a good lode upwards 30 fathoms to the east of this; when this shaft is sunk about 15 fms. below the adit, and a level extended to the old shaft, you cannot, in my opinion, fall in opening out rich stopping ground—in fact, there is every indication of it now, as the lode widens and improves as depth is attained. As the levels are extended eastward considerable backs would be obtained.

The middle lode is about 14 fms. north of the south lode. A level has been driven into the hill on its course about 120 fms., and from the great quantity of ground taken away it is evident that large piles of ore had been extracted, and from present appearance I should recommend this level to be driven. A good deal of the bottom of this level has been worked away by tributaries, the men having earned good wages—a fact which speaks for itself, they having had at that time no machinery for the dressing of the ore.—North Lode: Little has yet been done on this lode, which is from 3 to 4 ft. wide, containing good stones of lead ore, which will warrant the continuing of this level into the hill, from which good results may be expected.

In examining the old men's halvans at surface I find they contain lead ore which (when the new machinery is erected) can be made marketable at a great profit to the shareholders. I consider the advantages of this property to be every thing that could be desired to carry on the working of the mine cheaply, and to any extent, it having the command of the River Rheidol, whence a never-failing supply of water can be obtained at all seasons of the year for all requisite machinery. The necessary buildings for machinery, &c., are being pushed on with the utmost dispatch. I cannot but add, in conclusion, that this mine will, in my opinion, prove a great success, and richly reward its fortunate proprietors.

WHEAL COATES.—Information has been received from the mine this morning, stating that a rich lode of tin has been cut in the 10 east end, and splendid rocks of tin have been broken therefrom.

BAMFYLDE.—The agent states that the mine is opening up splendidly; they continue to raise large quantities of ore, and are now waiting for the opening of the Devon and Somerset Railway for transit, which will save expense of carriage; in the meantime, they are availing themselves of the means of forwarding their ore to Barnstaple by carts, in order to make room on the dressing floors for the increased quantities of ore being raised from the copper mine. The lodes, both at the Heasley Mills and Crawbourn, are yielding large quantities of manganese, which will make the lodes more valuable. The mine in every respect is presenting appearances which cannot be too fully appreciated.

WHEAL CREBOR.—It will be seen by the agent's report that this mine is likely to become one of the best dividend paying properties in Devon, and it will amply repay the shareholders for their perseverance. The lode at the 48 fm. level is worth 6 tons of copper ore, and at the 120 from 18 to 20 tons of copper ore per fathom, which shows that it is greatly improving in depth. The 108 is just entering the shoot of ore, and the other intermediate levels, the 6 and 72, will also soon be in rich ore ground. Owing to the present facilities for working, this vast

hill of ore can be extracted at very small cost, no coal being required. The standard for copper has advanced 5½, and must soon be much higher.

TIN ORE SOLD IN LONDON, 3rd JUNE, 1878.

Qnty. Price.	Purchasers.	Qnty. Price.	Purchasers.
100... 75 10 0	Penpoll Smelting Co.	12... 81 0 0	Penpoll Smelting Co.
100... 75 10 0	Charlestown Smelt. Co.	11... 80 0 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	20... 80 0 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	33... 74 0 0	R. R. Michell and Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	60... 37 0 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	102... 70 0 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	75... 74 15 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	31... 75 5 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	106... 73 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	44... 77 0 0	Charlestown Smelt. Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	95... 81 5 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	9... 78 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	112... 77 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	20... 77 12 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	60... 81 12 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	78... 80 15 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	100... 80 17 0	Tregoning and Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	40... 34 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	68... 77 5 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	100... 81 2 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	106... 77 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	90... 80 0 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	20... 75 0 0	R. R. Michell and Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	13... 80 0 0	Penpoll Smelting Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	105... 78 5 0	Tregoning and Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	140... 82 5 0	Charlestown Smelt. Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	100... 79 5 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	173... 80 0 0	Daubuz and Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	35... 75 5 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	120... 78 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	90... 80 0 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	90... 79 5 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	145... 81 10 0	Do.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	110... 78 10 0	Charlestown Smelt. Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	90... 80 0 0	Redruth Smelting Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	90... 80 0 0	Tamar Smelting Co.
100... 75 10 0	Do.	110... 75 5 0	Do.

EACH COMPANY'S PURCHASE.

Daubuz and Co.	Tons 30 8	Penpoll Smelting Company	Tons 19 8
Boltho and Sons	58 19	Charlestown Smelting Company	42 14
Williams, Harvey, and Co.	34 6	Calenick Smelting Company	58 18
Tregoning and Co.	34 6	Tamar Smelting Company	4 10
R. R. Michell and Co.	26 13		
Redruth Smelting Company	10 0	Total	308 2

COPPER ORES.

Sampled May 14, and sold at Swansea, June 3.				Sampled May 21, and sold at Tab's Hotel, Redruth, June 5.			
Mines.	Tons.	Produce.	Price.	Mines.	Tons.	Produce.	Price.
Cape	68	30	£22 10 6	Moonta	60	22½	£17 15 6
ditto	68	30	22 10 6	ditto	59	23	17 13 6
ditto	57	30	22 9 6	Wallaroo	90	12½	8 16 0
ditto	39	31½	24 8 0	Sobral	84	6½	4 2 0
ditto	39	31½	24 8 0	ditto	3	21½	15 6 0
ditto	5	32½	24 15 6	ditto	27	13½	10 3 0
ditto	50	51	40 16 6	ditto	35	13½	10 3 0
ditto	4	56½	43 8 6	ditto	3	6½	3 3 0
ditto	61	34	26 7 6	Ballycunnisk	63	6½	3 11 0
ditto	60	34	26 8 0	ditto	63	6½	3 9 0
ditto	78	29½	22 19 0	Concordia	28	47½	36 3 0
ditto	75	29½	23 0 0	ditto	14	45½	34 8 6
ditto	47	31½	24 8 0	ditto	5	45½	36 1 6
ditto	47	31½	24 8 0	ditto	42	22½	14 15 6
ditto	47	31½	25 5 0	ditto	42	22½	14 15 6
ditto	48	32½	25 0 0	Furdon	100	4½	2 7 0
ditto	18	30½	23 17 6	Brass Ashes	46	6½	2 19 0
Knockmahon	128	14	10 5 0	Spanish	34	11½	10 16 6
ditto	99	4½	2 0 0	Italian	14	10½	7 15 6
ditto	89	7½	4 10 0	ditto	6	17½	12 16 6
ditto	75	12½	5 15 6	Copper Ore	8	2½	1 0 0
Berehaven	128	7	5 2 6	Copper Reg.	3	45½	35 10 6
ditto	100	7½	5 2 6	Cappagh	8	25½	9 8 0
ditto	64	8½	5 0 0	Copper Ore	5	18½	13 2 0
Moonta	69	27½	21 12 0	Brass Ashes	90	3½	1 1 6
ditto	68	27½	21 11 0				

TOTAL PRODUCE.

Cape	776	£19,585 5 6	Brass Ashes	46	£135 11 0
Knockmahon	391	2,563 12 6	Spanish	34	368 1 0
Berehaven	310	1,152 5 6	Italian	14	155 10 0
Moonta	250	5,955 2 6	Copper Ore	8	8 0 0
Wallaroo	90	1,792 0 0	Copper Regulus	3	106 11 6
Sobral	152	1,120 3 6	Cappagh	16	225 4 0
Ballycunnisk	126	441 0 0	Copper Ore	5	65 10 0
Concordia	92	3,129 0 0	Brass Ashes	90	165 10 0
Furdon	100	2 5 0			

COMPANIES BY WHOM THE ORES WERE PURCHASED.

Names.	Tons.	Amount.
P. Grenfell and Sons	119	£ 699 13 0
Nevill, Druce, and Co.	512½	3,857 7 0
Vivian and Sons	349	6,703 4 0
Williams, Foster, and Co.	254½	4,064 10 0
British and Foreign Copper Company	106½	2,525 2 9
Mason and Elkington	419½	1,912 19 3
Charles Lambert	68	1,531 14 0
Ravenhead Copper Company	68	1,531 14 0
Swetland, Tuttle, and Co.	212½	4,919 11 3
Landore Copper Company	247	4,569 14 6
Total	2515	£35,640 5 6

NO SALE ON JUNE 24.

TOTALS AND AVERAGES.

21 cwt. Produce.	Price.	Per unit.	Standard.
Whole sale ... 2515	19	£14 3 5	14s. 11d. £96 1 6

COPPER ORES.

Sampled May 21, and sold at Tabb's Hotel, Redruth, June 5.					
Mines.			Mines.		
	Tons.	Price.		Tons.	Price.
at Tolgus	73	£4 5 0	South Wheal Crofty	74	£2 4 6
ditto	72	4 11 6	ditto	55	2 14 6
ditto	79	4 7 6	ditto	5	9 2 0
ditto	65	4 4 0	Mellaneer	63	2 6 0
ditto	61	4 4 0	ditto	51	2 9 0
ditto	59	4 14 6	ditto	42	2 6 6
ditto	52	4 18 6	ditto	26	8 4 0
ditto	42	2 1 0	East Pool	71	2 7 6
and Abraham	60	3 1 0	ditto	49	2 5 6
ditto	76	10 4 6	Wheal Basset	34	11 17 6
ditto	69	7 13 6	ditto	30	6 7 6
ditto	54	5 11 6	ditto	1	14 10 0
ditto	53	2 12 0	West Basset	34	5 14 6
ditto	70	7 10 6	ditto	31	8 12 6
at Seton	62	1 8 6	East Seton	50	1 2 0
ditto	62	5 2 0	New Penrroke	42	5 0 6
ditto	54	5 12 6	South Dolcoath	20	6 2 6
ditto	47	7 2 6	ditto	14	2 11 6
ditto	40	5 13 6	North Rosewarne	16	10 0 6
ditto	38	3 5 0	Crinna Consols	15	2 0 6
ditto	17	4 0 0	South Tolcarne	5	1 19 0
South Wheal Crofty	89	3 15 0	Wh. Damsel United	5	1 5 0

TOTAL PRODUCE.

West Tolgus	494	£2,096 2 0	East Seton	50	£55 0 0
Crenver & Abraham	374	2,304 4 6	New Penrroke	42	211 1 0
West Seton	328	1,472 19 6	South Dolcoath	34	158 11 0
South Crofty	289	826 18 6	North Rosewarne	16	160 8 0
Mellaneer	182	822 5 6	Crinna Consols	15	80 7 6
East Pool	120	280 2 0	South Tolcarne	5	9 15 0
Wheal Basset	65	570 10 0	Wh. Damsel United	5	6 5 0
West Basset	65	442 0 6			

Average standard	£ 95 12 0	Average produce	73s
Quantity of ore	2084	Quantity of fine copper	154 tons 13 cwt.
LAST SALE.—Average standard	£ 97 8 0	Average produce	67s
Standard of corresponding sale last month	£102 0 0	Produce	74s.

COMPANIES BY WHOM THE ORES WERE PURCHASED.

Names.	Tons.	Amount.
Vivian and Sons	266	£ 590 16 6
P. Grenfell and Sons	581	2759 15 0
Williams, Foster, and Co.	188	571 13 6
Mason and Elkington	380	1082 13 6
Charles Lambert	354	1184 9 0
Swetland, Tuttle, and Co.	5	6 5 0
Total	2084	£9235 9 6

BRITISH MINES.

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and to induce that a sale of the property was effected at the round price
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was appointed president of the company making the purchase. The superin-
tendent proceeded to the mine for the purpose of developing the property, when,
after two weeks' work on the mine, he found no trace of silver, gold, lead, or any of the
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minerals. He then traced the silver bricks which had been displayed in New
Orleans and found that they had been purchased by the two colonels in Chicago.
Knowing these statements, General Harrison, in his card, proceeds to denounce
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puling in a pump to get below. When this is done, and the debris cleared, we will send on a full report hereon. I may add that I look upon this with a deal of interest, as I think it is quite evident on the last working that the water level had a good lode of tin, judging from what we have now ascertained that level were driven east and west.

WEST WHEAL TOLGUS.—June 4: Setting Report: Taylor's Shaft: The cross-cut south at the 125 to drive south in the cross-course, which is hard and wet. The 115 east the lode to stop out; lode 5 ft. wide, yielding 4 tons of ore per fathom. In the 95, west of the 105, the lode is 3 ft. wide, yielding 1 ton of ore per fathom, a kindly lode. In the 95 west the lode is 4 ft. wide, poor. In the 85 west the lode is 2 ft. wide, producing a little ore, but not enough to value in. In the 75 west the lode is yielding $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of ore per fathom. In a stope in the back of the 115 west the lode is yielding 4 tons of ore per fathom, worth 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. In a store in the back of the 115 west the lode is yielding 7 tons of ore per fathom, worth 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. In a stope in the back of the 115 west the lode is yielding 5 tons of ore per fathom, worth 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. In a stope in the back of the 115 east the lode is yielding 4 tons of ore per fathom, worth 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom.—Richard's Shaft: Richardson's shaft, 28 down to the lode, the lode is 4 ft. wide, yielding 2 tons of ore per fathom, a strong, fine lode. In the 55 west the lode is 4 ft. wide, looking very kindly, yielding 1 ton of ore per fathom. In a driving west of rise, in the back of the 55, the lode is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. wide, yielding 3 tons of ore per fathom. The cross-cut north at the 40 west is in search of the north part of the lode. In a stope in back of the 43 west the lode is 3 ft. wide, yielding 3 tons of ore per fathom.

WHEAL TOLGUS.—T. Trahair, June 3: Hitchens' shaftmen are busy putting in pitwork, and will finish by the end of the week. The men in the 1st level, on the Beacon lode, have cleared and timbered 4 fathoms. The men in the 1st level, west from Collyer's shaft, on the Elisba lode, have cleared 3 fathoms. The men in the adit end, driving east from Collier's shaft, are opening tribute ground. The tribute pitches on the different lodes are looking very much the same as last reported. We hope to set the engine to work in the early part of next week.

WHEAL COATES.—Wm. H. Martin, June 3: We have fixed the 8-in. drawing lift to work at No. 10, and sent down a new 6-in. lift to sink with, and set it to work. We hope to make progress in sinking, and the tin is getting better. It continues very hard, but we are daily expecting to get through the elvan. The 10 fm. level east has improved for tin this week. There is no particular change in any other bargain since last advised.

WHEAL CREBOR.—J. Goldsworthy, June 5: The lode in the 120 is 8 ft. wide, a fine course of ore; no change in value since last reported. The lode in the 108 east is giving favourable indications for improvement. No change in the 96 fm. level in the ends, east and west, nor in the 48 end since last report. No lodes taken down in the 48 end, east and west, since last reported.

WHEAL FRIENDSHIP.—June 2: Bennett's Lode, West of Whitburn's Crosscut: At the 150 driving east the lode is 3 ft. wide, and yielding $\frac{1}{2}$ ton per fathom. The stope in the back of this level is yielding 2 tons of ore to the fathom; the lode is 4 feet wide.

WHEAL GRENVILLE.—E. Hosking, W. Bennetts, June 3: The ground in the new shaft continues favourable for sinking, and the men are making rapid progress in the 120, east of the old shaft, and in the 100 east. The lode in the 120, east of new shaft, is 2 ft. wide, producing a little tin. The lode in the 120, east of north shaft, is $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. wide, worth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The lode in the 120 west is 2 ft. wide, and worth 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The stope below the 110 east is worth 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The rise above the 110 east is worth 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The stopes above the 110 east are each worth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The lode in the 100 east is 2 ft. wide, producing saving work for tin. The men are still engaged stripping down the north side of the 90 east, which is yielding a little stamping work. The 90 east is yielding 1 ton of ore per fathom, and the 80 east is yielding 1 ton of ore per fathom. The lode in the 66 east is 2 ft. wide, worth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom.

WHEAL GRENVILLE.—E. Hosking, W. Bennetts, June 3: The shaftmen continue to make good progress in sinking the new shaft below the 140 fm. level; it is now down $\frac{3}{4}$ fms., and we hope to complete it to the 150 during this month. The other bargains are without change.

WHEAL KITTY.—S. Davey, J. Williams, May 31: We have nothing new to report in any of the bargains throughout the mine since our report for the quarterly meeting.

WHEAL MARY.—Thomas Parkyn, June 5: The engine-shaft is now sunk from surface 13 fms. 1 ft. Operations in sinking are suspended for the time, in consequence of the water increasing so rapidly. The men have commenced to drive a cross-cut south to cut middle lode, which we calculate to do in about 8 ft. driving from the bottom of the shaft. After this has been done preparations will at once be made for erecting flat-roads and shears, and dropping pitwork, &c. The men are still sinking on the new lode that I reported on last week, and are sending up some very rich stamping rich work for tin. The cross-cut to intersect the great north lode is within 4 ft. of the lode, and is to intersect it in a week or 10 days. The floors are nearly ready for receiving the tin from the stamps. We have all the pitwork delivered on the mine, and also the rods to connect the crank of the engine with the shaft-bobs. We shall now commence dropping down the pitwork in the shaft. Directly we intersect the great north lode I will advise you.

WHEAL PEEVOY.—E. Rogers, W. Pryor, June 5: The engine-shaft is now enlarged, and strongly secured with timber 66 fms. from surface; this has been a work of some 10 days, owing to the great height of the workings. We are now dropping the pitwork below this point, and hope to drain the 32 you will meet in about a fortnight, when we expect to meet with tin ground to keep going our steam stamps. We are pleased to say that our dressing floors are so far completed that we shall be ready to resume active operations by the time we reach the important point referred to.

WHEAL RUBY.—J. Richards, June 4: The ground driving west by the side of the adit level is of the same nature as last reported. We occasionally break good seams of tin in the footwall. I am expecting further improvement daily as we approach the cross-lode.

WHEAL TREGROSS.—T. Parkyn, June 5: The shaftmen are making good progress in sinking the engine-shaft. We are already down 3 fms. under the 22, and the ground in the shaft is good for sinking, being killas, very congenial for tin. We have completed the new horse-wind, also the new capstan, so that we are enabled to do the work with great dispatch. I have men driving the south cross-cut, and also driving east on the north lode, which I am pleased to say is turning out good paying work for tin. You may rely that the engine-shaft shall be sunk with all possible dispatch. I feel confident that when we reach the 32 you will at once have a valuable mine. King's lode, which is 20 ft. wide, is four times richer at the 22 than it was at the adit, and has gone down below this level very rich. I calculate about four months to sink to the 32, and cut through King's lode.

WHEAL UNY.—W. Rich, M. Rogers, S. Cowle, jun., May 31: At the engine-shaft we have been obliged to put in new doorpiece and pump at the bottom of the 30 fm. plunger-lift fixed in the 110 fm. level; the old castings were worn out and rusty; the door was again in fault for some time. Hind's engine-shaft is in full course of sinking, but is not yet below the 140 fm. level. The 140 fm. level employed driving a cross-cut south towards the shaft in the 130, but the ground is very hard. The 150, east of engine-shaft, is worth 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 140 east is worth 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 130 east is suspended for the time. The 120 east is worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 110 east is worth 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 100 east is worth 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 90 east is worth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 80 east has been suspended during the past week, owing to the men being employed cutting trip-lat at King's shaft. The 40 east is worth 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 50 east is worth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fathom. The 30 east carries over 2000 stones of tin. We have sold to-day 9 tons 19 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs. of tin, at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ per ton.

WHEAL WHISPER.—J. Moss, June 4: There is a general improvement in our stoves. I never saw this mine looking better than at present. In consequence of the dry weather our water is falling off, but our better work will enable us to return more than an average quantity of tin.

WOODCLOSE AND POLGOOTH UNITED.—J. Mufford, June 5: I am pleased to inform you that there is an improvement in Longbottom's lode driving west of Goddard's lode, and in the 13 south-west of shaft on new lode. The 13 south and tin, with every appearance of further improvement, also carrying two good walls. In clearing east on same lode we are letting down a quantity of water, which is an evident proof of our getting near the end of this break; the wall of this lode is taken away above and below so far as could be done for water for the length cleared, a proof that the lode was rich for tin throughout. I am highly pleased with the prospects, and fully believe a bright future is in store as soon as the mine is opened up.

MILLS GROUND.—R. Nottingham, June 3: Pyne's shaft will be deep enough to begin driving out cross-cuts, after leaving a loom in the bottom for the lift to stand in. We shall require to put another piece in the lift and other preliminary works, after which we shall commence driving out cross-cuts both east and west, to cut the lodes without delay. You will be glad to learn that the last bed of ground we have sunk through in the shaft has drained all the water from the 13 south or Goddard's lode, and the 13 south-west of shaft on new lode. I take this as a most favourable indication of the porousness and productiveness of the lodes in depth. The 13 south, on Goddard's lode, is driven through to the No. 2 shaft. The bottom of this level looks well for the last 12 fms. driven. The bed of productive ground never rose more than 3 ft. from the bottom of the level, thus showing that we have passed over a fresh course of ore ground. I have now brought the men back about 9 fms. from the end to sink a winze. The lode here is worth $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of lead and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of blende per fathom. I have also started a winze in the 13 south-west of Pyne's shaft, on the new lode. The lode here appears to be widening (it is now 2 ft. 6 in.), and is chiefly composed of soft white spar, mixed with lead and blende—a beautiful-looking lode—and other parts of the mine without change. I calculate that we shall be able to sink in nine months a winze where the tin can be raised, and other operations going on elsewhere. We have had a very dry year for the last three months, which is telling heavily on the Bod Lake; our reservoir above the mine are holding very well. With our present arrangement of stopping the water whilst the kibble is being landed and lowered to the bottom again we do not require more water to wind with than would otherwise be required.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF MINING COAL.—We announced last week that coal had been reduced 3s. per ton at Penzance. We now hear that the best mining coal may be obtained at Truro for 21s. per ton.

TIN AND TERNE PLATES.—Mr. T. PRICE, of Llanelly, and A. L. SANICSOVSKY, Fenchurch-street, in the City of London, tin-plate manufacturers, for the better manufacturing of tin and terne plates, propose to convey, by means of one, two, or more tubes or pipes, through the tinning-pots or wash-pots, or through both or either of them, of air which becomes heated, and is passed off through other perforated pipes or tubes, or pipes or tubes with openings along them, placed at a suitable height and position across the tinning-pot or wash-pot, or both or either of them, on to the plates as they pass between the tinning-pot or wash-pot, thereby causing the surplus metal to fall from off the plates.

METALLIC PACKING.—Mr. J. C. FURNESS, of Boston, U.S., has patented an invention relating to metallic packing for piston-rods, valve rods, and other similar purposes, and consists principally of a packing box or gland, fixed by bolts on the sides of the cylinder or of other vessel, and containing a series of rings or pieces (which pass through) and containing two pairs of semi-annular packing pieces, the inner sides of which are bored to fit the rod, and their outer circumferences are somewhat less than the interior of the box. In the exterior of each packing piece is formed a recess, in which is placed a short spiral spring, which acting against the interior of the box or gland forces the packing pieces inwards against the rod.

NEW FUEL.—Mr. T. H. COTTON, of Huddersfield, has patented a new or improved fuel, which consists of creosote oil or oil of tar or other dead oil, combined with steam in suitable proportions, or it is introduced to the furnace simultaneously with and by means of steam. The apparatus consists of a vessel to contain the aforesaid oil, having attached a pipe

brought together and united in one pipe or jet, so formed that by the pressure of the steam the oil will be discharged and spread over the surface of the fire.

WILLOUGHBY.—This mine continues to look most promising, and there appears to be every prospect not only of its becoming the pioneer of the district, but the richest young mine that has been opened for some time past. There has already been discovered four strong lodes, worth from 15 cwt. to 3 tons to the fathom for lead, and from 10 cwt. to 2 tons per fathom for blende; in the course of a few weeks these will be driven on from the 23rd level, when it is expected that the mine will not only pay working expenses, but be making a good profit. There is an abundant supply of water for driving two water-wheels, for pumping, winding, working crusher and machine jiggers. The surface works are such as would do credit to any mine in the kingdom, and have been laid out with a view of meeting all the requirements for developing this extensive sett.

BURROW AND BUTSON.—Among the Mining Correspondence appears an estimate by Mr. von Uter of the quantity of blende laid open, carefully leaving large margins for any deficiency out of sight. It is evident the mines have immense capabilities already at command, but that the means of dressing the blende has been delayed beyond the expected time.

DRAKE WALLS (Tin and Copper).—It is proposed to re-work this mine on the cost-book system. During the past 17 years more than 215,000 cwt. of tin has been sold, and it is estimated that the surface heaps alone contain more than 70,000 cwt. of tin. By calculation, it would take 20,000 cwt. to place the present machinery on the ground. Capt. Teague, of Carn Brea and Tincroft; Capt. Simmons, Mineral Agent to the Duchy of Cornwall; Capt. Quentrell, of East Lovell; Mr. William Matthews, Engineer to the Devon Great Consols, and others, have reported fully and favourably on the property.

RECORD OF INVESTMENTS.—Messrs. "Lavington and Pennington's Monthly Circular and Record of Investments" for June has just been issued, and contains the usual careful epitome of the movements in and prospects of the markets for general securities, railways, foreign stocks, telegraphs, as well as in interesting reports from various mining districts. An extract from the article "Mining in Wales" will be found in another column. The share lists embrace a number of well-selected securities.

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50 Cedar Creek, 21½. 20 New Hendra, 21. 20 So. Carn Brea, 21½.
50 Nant-y-Ricket, 21. 100 Chicago Silver-Lead, 21.
50 Pennerley, 21½.

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Birdseye Creek	21½	Penrithal	21½
Ernfild	14s.	Parys Mountain	7s.
Clee Hill Colliery	1	Plympton	16s.
Carn Brea	100	Perkins Beach	7s. 6d.
Cwm Eian	4s.	Roman Gravel	3½
Chontales	18	Rookhope Valley	3½
Cook's Kitchen	18	Sierra Buttes	3½
Cathedral	3½	South Carn Brea	3½
Cedar Creek	21½	South Condurow	6
Devon Consols	21½	South Tolcarne	7½
Don Pedro	10s.	St. Just Amalgamated	1½
East Foxdale	1½	South Roman Gravel	37s.
East Van	4½	St. Ives Consols	3½
Emma	4½	Sweetland Creek	4
East Lovell	18	Tankerville	11½
Eberhardt	5½	Tincroft	49
Fortescue	10s.	Tylwyd	1
Flagstaff	12½	Van Consols	5½
Grogwinion	2	West Basset	7
Gold Run	7s.	West Tankerville	7
Gawton	2½	West West Lucy	2½
Great Laxey	16	West Jewell	1½
Hington Down	6	Wheat Crebhor	5½
Hob's Hill	6½	Wheat Grenville	5½
Lovell	6½	West Caradon	3s.
Last Chance	5½		
North Trekerby	1		
New Silver Rake	5		

English and Foreign Stocks, Railway, Bank, Dock, and other Shares dealt in at closest prices for cash or account.

SPECIAL BUSINESS in Ladywell and the mines of the Shropshire district; as also New Silver Rake, the shares of which should be secured.

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The Mining Market: Prices of Metals, Ores, &c.

METAL MARKET—LONDON, JUNE 6, 1873.

COPPER.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	IRON.	per ton.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Best selected, p. ton	96	0-100	0-0	Bars Welsh, in London	12	6-13
Tough cake and tile	92	0-95	0-0	Do., to arrive	12	0-13
Sheathing & sheets	98	0-105	0-0	Nail rods	12	6-13
Bottoms	100	0-107	0-0	Do., in London	14	0-15
Old	84	0-90	0-0	Do., ditto	14	0-15
Burra Burra	90	0-91	0-0	Do., at works	13	0-15
Wire	0	1 1½	0-0	Do., ditto	14	0-16
Tubes	0	1 ½-0	1 1	Do., single & plates	17	0-18
BRASS.	per lb.			Pig No. 1, in Wales	5	10-7
Sheets	10d.-10½d.			Do., ditto	7	0-8
Wire	10½d.-11			Do., common, ditto	10	12-15
Tubes	11½d.-11½d.			Do., mch. Tincroft	15	0-13
Yellow metal sheathing	9d.-9½d.			Do., railway, in Wales	11	0-13
SPELTER.	per ton.			Do., Swed. in London	18	0-19
Foreign on the spot	27	10-28	0-0	To arrive	20	0-21
Do., to arrive	—	—	—	Pig No. 1, in Clyde	5	12-7
ZINC.				Do., f.o.b. Tincroft	4	10-5
In sheets	33	0-33	10-0	Do., Nos. 3, 4, f.o.b. do.	—	—
QUICKSILVER (p. bot.)	13	15	0-14	Railway chairs	5	0-6
TIN.				Do., spikes	12	0-14
English blocks	£134	0-135	0-0	Indian Charcoal Pigs,	10	0-12
Do., bars (in brls.)	135	0-136	0-0	in London, p. ton	—	—
Do., refined	137	0-137	0-0	STEEL.	per ton.	
Banca	135	0-137	0-0	Swed., in kegs (rolled)	20	0-22
Straits	134	0-134	0-0	Ditto, hammered	20	0-25
TIN-PLATES.*	per box.			Ditto, in faggots	20	0-25
IX Charcoal, 1st quality	2	0-2	5	English, spring	23	0-25
IX Do., 1st quality	2	0-2	11	Do., ditto	23	0-25
IX Do., 2d quality	1	0-2	2	Ditto, L. B.	23	0-24
IX Do., 2d quality	2	0-2	2	Ditto, W. B.	24	0-24
IX Coke	1	0-1	16	Ditto, sheet	25	0-25
IX Ditto	2	0-2	2	Ditto, red lead	25	0-25
Canada plates, p. ton	24	10-26	0-0	Ditto, white	30	0-32
Ditto, at works	24	0-25	0-0	Ditto, patent shot	26	15-27

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REMARKS.—Quietude has been the characteristic feature of the market. The Whitsuntide holidays, together with the rise in the Bank rate, have considerably interfered with general business, and the transactions in the several metals, for the most part, have proved of an unimportant character. Although our markets are very depressed, sellers continue tolerably firm in their prices, believing that the present adverse movement will prove but temporary, and that they will be enabled to quickly recover all that has been lost; buyers, on the other hand, do not entertain so sanguine a view of the future, and think that dear money must operate very seriously upon the value of metals; and as trade is now becoming extremely limited, in consequence of high prices, it is not unlikely that the tide will now take a turn in their favour.

COPPER.—Our market has been very unsettled this week, and prices irregular. The amount of business transacted limited, both buyers and sellers appearing undecided as to what course to adopt. The advance in the Bank rate has put an effectual check for the moment upon any improvement in prices; indeed, the favourable turn in that direction which began at the end of last week and was carried on at the commencement of this week has been quite reversed, and reduced prices daily submitted to. In addition to the depression caused by the stringency of the Money Market, stocks in Liverpool and Swansea during the last fortnight in May increased to the extent of 2000 tons, and as this week's consumption must necessarily be very small, in consequence of the Whitsuntide holidays, there is no doubt that the next fortnightly statement will show a further increase in stocks, especially as the demand for shipment has also considerably fallen off. As there seems some probability of the Bank rate being kept up for a short time, and, perhaps, even a higher rate declared, some holders may evince a disposition to realise rather than take the risk of the market any longer, and if any quantity should be offered for sale it is questionable whether buyers would offer more than 92s. to 91s. for Chibars; to-day there are sellers at 92s. for good bars. The next announcement of the charters is looked forward to with some anxiety, as the stock in Valparaiso, according to the last advices, was 4300 tons, and, therefore, amply sufficient to admit of full charters being made.

The business of the week comprises sales on Saturday of Lots at 82½, and g.o.b. at 84½, and 85½, two months. Wallaroo, at 91½, 10s. cash, and 25 tons at 91½, 10s. one month prompt. On Tuesday g.o.b. realised 84½, to 85½, cash, and 87½, three months prompt. Wallaroo, 93½, cash. The sale at the Swansea Ticketings of 2516 tons of ores averaged 14s. 11d. Cape ore realised 15s. 6d., and Moonta 15s. 8d. The fall in the standard was 3s. Early on Wednesday 75 tons of g.o.b. were sold at 85½, cash, but prices gave way immediately on the announcement of the rise in the Bank rate, and the market closed with sellers at 84½, one month prompt, and Wallaroo 94½, three months. On Thursday 82½, 10s. was accepted for g.o.b., and 83½, 10s. one month; 25 tons g.o.b. 85½, 10s. three months, and Wallaroo 90½, 10s. cash, down to 90½. To-day prices are again rather lower; 82½, has been accepted for Chibars, but buyers hold back in expectation of purchasing at cheaper rates.

IRON.—The difficulties which have been noticed with reference to the iron trade in the North of England have, happily, been brought to an issue. The inconvenience has been great, and the alarm on account of the probable stoppage of the iron trade of the North most serious. Happily the interposition of a third party effected that which the masters and men failed to bring about while left to themselves. A committee of mineowners has met a deputation of the National Miners' Conference at Darlington, when certain proposals were made and agreed to. A meeting of mineowners has also been held at Middlesbrough, and the proposals referred to were confirmed. The miners have returned to their work, and great satisfaction has been expressed throughout the district. The output is not to be reduced, and the question of wages is to be disposed of by arbitration—an arbitrator being appointed by a committee to meet for that purpose. The blast-furnaces which had been damped down are now being brought as speedily as possible into active operation. While the return to vitality in the manufacture of pig iron is a subject of congratulation, there is little doing in the finished iron trade, fresh orders do not come in, and old contracts are being worked off. A general opinion is expressed by buyers that lower prices than those now current will rule before long, and this being so only a very limited business is transacted. The shipbuilding trade is not brisk, and altogether the present aspect of affairs offers but little encouragement to manufacturers of finished iron.

The reports from South Wales are, on the whole, satisfactory. The large iron-works are all fully employed, and in the various departments of the trade work is progressing in the completion of orders already on hand. There is an expression of disappointment among the makers that fresh orders are not received as rapidly as expected, and it appears that enquiries which have been in the market have been withdrawn, and the completion of contracts postponed for the present. It is feared that this may be indicative of a falling off in the demand, which was not all expected, it being generally thought that the early spring trade having been interrupted by the long strike, there would naturally have been a busy summer. Large quantities of railway iron have been and are being shipped to South America, Russia, and the Continent. Prices remain much the same. During the early part of the week the Glasgow Pig-Iron Market was quiet, and prices went back on Tuesday to 112s. 6d.; the market, however, rallied during the close of the day to 113s. 9d.; closing sellers, 114s. On Wednesday the market opened with a firm appearance, and a considerable business took place between 114s. and 115s., closing not quite so strong. On Thursday a small amount of business was reported, up to 114s. 6d. To-day the closing price is 114s. Shipments are still going on satisfactorily, and iron in store is being largely indented on.

SHIPMENTS.

For the week ending June 1, 1873	Tons	22,110
May 31, 1873		16,880

Total decrease since Dec. 25, 1872 5,230 |

SPELTER.—Silesian BH has changed hands at outposts at 28½, and Rhenish at 27½, 6d.

TIN.—In the early part of the week the market appeared to have acquired some strength from the announcement that the Dutch Trading Company intended to hold two public sales during the autumn, and that the maximum quantity to be presented at each sale would not exceed 30,000 slabs: 134½ was obtained for Straits. English ingots 1½, higher. On Wednesday the market still continued to improve somewhat, and until the announcement of the advance in the Bank rate an upward tendency was maintained, after which 133½, 10s. to 134½, was the price of Straits, at which quotation the market closed.

TIN-PLATES.—The market is not in a very satisfactory position, the difference in the views between buyers and sellers being so great as to form an insuperable obstacle to the transaction of any important amount of business.

The MINING SHARE MARKET continues in a depressed state, and there is very little change to notice either in prices or in the state of the mines. On the whole, however, there has been rather more business doing in shares than we had to report upon last week.

The standard for copper ore has advanced nearly 6d. per ton, the sale at Redruth on Thursday consisted of 2084 tons, which realised 9235½, 9s. 6d., or an average price of 4½, 8s. 6d. per ton.

A fortnight ago the serious fall in the standard, which caused a species of panic in the share market, was said to be owing to a strike among the copper rollers—which strike, some have even said, never took place at all. The smelters, moreover, are accused of having got the ores for sale at their own price; and one mine, the Devon Great Consols, is said to have suffered to the extent of nearly 10000, by the "bugbear." It would seem that a mine, having once sampled its ores, has to submit to this sort of thing, and cannot withdraw from the sale; but in future, and until the price improves, the Devon Great Consols and several other mines have resolved not to sample their produce.

The mines mostly dealt in since our last have been Roman Gravel, South Roman Gravel, Wheal Crebhor, Tankerville, West Tankerville, Old Treburet, Hington Down, Carn Brea, Dolcoath, East Lovell, Penrithal, Great Wheal Vor, Great Laxey, and one or two others. Basset, 55 to 60; at the meeting on Tuesday the account showed a profit on two months' working of 483½, 10s., and the balance of 1408½. The costs were charged to April 16, and the credited (10 tons of it not sold), estimated to realise 5080½, copper 508½. The agents state that the mine continues to open out well, but the fall in tin made a difference of 4000, in the credit. Bog 10 to 2; Carn Brea, 105 to 110; Dolcoath has improved to 52½, 10s. Cook's Kitchen, 18 to 19; East Caradon, 2½ to 2½; East Lovell, 14 to 17½; Gawton, 2 to 2½; Great Laxey, 16½ to 17½. West Chiverton, 11 to 11½; the lode here has been cut into at the 140, south of Hawkes' shaft, 2 ft., and as far as seen it is looking more promising for lead than when first cut into at the 130 above it. The sales of lead and blende this month have realised 8500½, 10s. 200 tons, at 2½, 6d. per ton. Van Consols, 6 to 6½. East Van shares have not been quite so firm at 4½. Great Wheal Vor, 6½ to 6½; Hington Down, 6½ to 6½.

New Rosewarne, 2½ to 3; the mine has sold this week about 9 tons of tin, at 83½, per ton. North Roskear, 8 to 9; North Treleigh Wood, 22s. 6d. to 25s. Old Treburet preference shares have been largely dealt in, at 12s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.; old shares, 12s. 6d. to 15s. Pennerley, 2½ to 2½; Perkins Beach, 3 to 3½; Plympton, 4 to 4½; Prince of Wales, 9s. to 11s. Roman Gravel, 20 to 21; the lode in the 95 fathom level south is worth 5 tons of lead ore, or 800, per fathom; the various stopes in the mine are worth 8900, per fathom. South Roman Gravel advanced to 42s. 6d., 45s., but leave off 38s. to 40s.; Tankerville, 12 to 12½; Tincroft, 49 to 51; West Great Work, 3 to 4; West Mar and Fortescue, 12s. 6d. to 15s.; West Seton, 42½ to 47½; West Tankerville, 3½ to 4; Wheal Grenville, 4 to 4½; Providence, 9 to 11.

Wheal Crebhor, 5½ to 5½; the lode in the 120 east is reported of the same value as last week, and the 108 shows symptoms of early improvement. Wheal Kitty (St. Agnes), 14½ to 15½; Wheal Marzou, 5 to 6; Wheal Seton, 42½ to 45. St. Agnes Consols, 4½ to 4½; at the general meeting, held on the mine, the accounts showed an expenditure of 6150½, 19s. 6d., and the capital uncalled and unexpended 3869½, 13s. 11d. The tin sold from the Rock lode has realised the sum of 825½, 13s. 6d. The directors report was of a favourable character.

Among Foreign Mines Eberhardt and Aurora are 6 to 6½; Emma, 4½ to 5½; General Brazilian, 5s. to 7s. 6d.; Thornhill Reef, 24 to 25; Flagstaff, 12½ to 12½; Last Chance, 6½ to 6½; New Quebrada, 4½ to 4½; South Aurora, 15s. to 20s.; Sweetland Creek, 4 to 4½; Tecoma, 10½ to 10½. Cape Copper, 26 to 27; a dividend of 1½ per share has been declared.

The London agent (Mr. John Collinson) of the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Ohio Railroad Company has received from the auditor a statement showing that the gross traffic receipts of that line for the month of March last amounted to \$188,612.75. For corresponding period of last year the receipts were \$153,141.65. So that there has been an increase of \$35,471.10, or over 23 per cent. The shares of the Acroft Coal Company are par to ½ prem. Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Leased Lines Rental Trust Bonds are 9

to take the mine. If during this probationary period the developments are satisfactory, the property is placed upon the market, thereby reducing risks to the lowest possible minimum; but if, on the other hand, the developments are unsatisfactory, the expenditure is borne by the parties bonding, and thus the matter is incurred to be regretted that Americans, for their own sake, do not more generally adopt a similar course.

It is to be recollected that a fortnight since it was suggested in these columns that Mr. Maxwell should be allowed to examine this mine. Since then steps have been taken to obtain his report. It is well known that Mr. Maxwell's opinion is that, if properly worked, the mine will soon present a more encouraging aspect. Utah, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; the resident secretary reports the sale of about 10 tons daily. Mine looking well. Camp Floyd, 3/4 to 1; the mine has been started, and the agent reports \$2000 worth of material on hand. As soon as the pile of ore belonging to the company, and stacked at the mill, is worked off operations will be commenced on the mine.

Richmond Consolidated, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; the trial at Eureka commenced May 19, and during its progress cable messages of a most assured character were received, showing clearly that the merits of the case were entirely on the side of the Richmond Company, and that the only thing to be feared was that the jury might not agree. On Tuesday a cable was received that this result had taken place—No verdict—jury discharged. The laws of Nevada require that the jury must agree to ensure a verdict, and it stated that seven of the twelve were in favour of a verdict for the Richmond Company. A new trial has been granted, which is fixed for June 16. The Eureka Company being the assailants, and having failed to get a verdict, the result evidently leaves the Richmond Company in a stronger position, the more especially as they beat their opponents in the previous injunction suit. Mr. Probert, in one of his letters, referring to the refusal of the Court to grant the Eureka Company the injunction applied for, wrote that the judge took nearly a fortnight to consider his decision, and Mr. Probert had heard, on the highest authority, that the Judge submitted the case to three of the most eminent counsel in the State, two of them Judges of the Supreme Court, and that they unanimously concurred with him in thinking that the Eureka Company had no case. The law, therefore, (added Mr. Probert), must be pretty clear upon the subject, and whatever may be the result of a trial before a jury, an appeal to the Supreme Courts would certainly determine the suit in favour of the Richmond Company. The last week's return was \$30,000, the highest reached since smelting was re-commenced.

Exhibit and Aurora, 6 to 6 1/2; in accordance with the recommendation contained in Capt. Drake's report it has been resolved to issue, under the powers of the resolution of the shareholders' meeting of March 1, 1872, debentures to the amount of \$25,000, bearing an interest of 10 per cent. per annum. The working for the month of May was 1167 tons milled (average assay \$58), which produced \$65,000; the expenses were \$40,500; and the profit \$14,547, which was made notwithstanding the tramway had been unable to work during the whole month, and that the ore had to be landed by hand at a charge of \$5 per ton (now reduced to \$2.50), and the expenses include the cost of mining, assorting, and hauling a large quantity of ore on hand at the mill. The report of Capt. Drake is referred to elsewhere. Pacific, 3 to 3 1/2; although the agent does not report the discovery of any continuous body of ore yet he appears to be meeting with sundry small deposits of very rich ore, enabling him to carry on operations and meet expenses.

Sierra Buttes, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Mr. J. D. Hague has completed his inspection of the company's properties, and the agents have forwarded programs giving the result, which is regarded by the directors as very satisfactory with reference to both mines:—"Hague reports Sierra Buttes measurable reserves 134,000 tons, valued at \$737,000 net if yield continues \$10 per ton, and \$469,000 net if yield be assumed at \$8. He estimates minimum monthly profit \$14,000 to \$18,000, and expresses himself strongly and favourably of future prospects." "Hague reports Eureka measurable reserves 25,000 tons, valued at \$10,000 gross; future monthly minimum results 2500 tons, average yield \$14, expenses \$6, profit (say) \$20,000 monthly. Concluding remarks:—property a good one, and likely to be a source of much profit to owners for long time to come." As regards the Eureka, the directors continue to entertain the expectation expressed in their last half-yearly report, that the produce of the new mill will soon realise the sum required to pay a dividend of 2s. per share, and they anticipate that they will be able to declare such a dividend for the period ending June 30, 1873. Holcombe Valley, par to 2 1/2; the superintendent announces his intention of forwarding to the directors two sacks of quartz from the deepest workings as a sample of the lode upon which operations are being carried on. Brazilian Mines have been represented by St. John del Rey, now quoted at 130 to 140; the sinking of the shafts is proceeding satisfactorily, the depth reached being 157 and 156 fms. 10 in. respectively; the two shafts are in solid rock.

Cape Copper, 26 to 27; a dividend of 20s. per share (free of income tax) has been declared, payable on June 24. Business has not been quite so dull in the shares of the Hydraulic and Mining Companies, but investors seem to be watching this class of property very closely, and purchases are being made. Cedar Creek, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4; a report from the superintendent appears in another column. Active work was in operation, though it was anticipated that this would be a short water season. Sweetland Creek, 4 to 4 1/2; from last advices it would appear the washing should be about commencing now through the new tunnel. The result of the next clean up will, therefore, be looked for with interest. Malpaso, 4 to 4 1/2; Rica, 4 to 4 1/2; Malabar, par to 4 prem.; Birseley Creek, 4 to 4 1/2; Mr. Powers reports that he anticipates finishing the Neece and West Tunnel by about September. The trial work on the Waipoua ground has been very satisfactory.

Van, 38 to 40; the monthly report will be found in another column. The 60 ends, both east and west, continue to open out in rich courses of ore, other parts of the mine remaining much the same. The sale on Thursday, 480 tons lead and 200 tons blende, realised \$53,15s. East Van, 4 to 4 1/2. Van Consols, 6 to 6 1/2; Tankerville, 14 to 12; the lode in the 140, west of shaft, is 6 to 7 ft. wide, rich, lead, and improving. It is estimated that 13 fms. further driving will carry this level into the main run of ore ground. The 140 level is also a strong lode, and rich for lead. The winze from the 140 is several fathoms in advance of this end, and is in a strong rich lode. West Tankerville, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2. Roman Gravels have been less firm, at 20 to 20 1/2. It is proposed to sink another 10 fms. before cutting the Roman vein. Ladywell, 2 1/2 to 3. Pennerley, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4; operations are progressing about as usual, the various points being pushed on with vigour. Bog, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2; the agent reports that the 130 fm. level is already cut up into sections by the old workers, which will much facilitate tribute operations, and bargains will be let there at the next setting-day. The mine, on the whole, appears to be improving, and shares are somewhat enquired for. Perkins Beach, 3 to 3 1/2; driving of the south cross-cut is being pushed on as fast as possible. No doubt is now entertained that the great spar lode is a short distance ahead of the forebreast of the level. West Esgrair Lie, 3 to 3 1/2; the engine-shaft in the eastern mine is very nearly deep enough for another level. The lode in the 10 east is worth 4 tons of copper ore per fathom. The erection of the machinery is going on vigorously.

East Lovell shares have been in demand, and close 17 to 17 1/2, firm. Tincroft, 50 to 51; Carn Brea, 105 to 110; North Treleigh Wood, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4, and enquired for. South Condurrow, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4. Subjoined are the closing quotations:—Bog, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2; Carn Brea, 105 to 110; Cook's Kitchen, 17 to 19; Dolcoath, 61 to 62; Devon Great Consols, 5 to 5 1/2; East Caradon, 2 to 2 1/2; East Wheel Lovell, 17 to 17 1/2; East Van, 4 to 4 1/2; Great Laxey, 18 to 17; Great Wheel Vor, 6 to 6 1/2; Gwanton, 3 to 3 1/2; Hingston Down, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; Marke Valley, 2 to 2 1/2; North Star, 8 to 10; Ladywell, 2 1/2 to 3; Pennerley, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4; Parys Mountain, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Roman Gravels, 20 to 20 1/2; South Carn Brea, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; South Condurrow, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; South Crofty, 50 to 52; South Frances, 9 to 11; South Roman Gravels, 14 to 12; Tankerville, 14 to 12; Tincroft, 50 to 51; Van, 37 1/2 to 40; Van Consols, 6 to 6 1/2; West Chiverton, 11 to 11 1/2; West Tankerville, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; West Tolgus, 4 to 5; West Basset, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2; West Frances, 10 to 11; West Maria and Fortescue, 10 to 11; West Seta, 45 to 48; West Crebor, 10 1/2 to 11; Wheel Seta, 45 to 48; Wheel Ury, 8 1/2 to 9; Almada and Tiritio, 7 1/2 to 1 1/4; Birseley Creek, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4;

Camp Floyd, 3/4 to 1; Cedar Creek, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4; Cape Copper, 26 to 27; Chontales, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Colorado Terrible, 1 1/2 to 2 1/4; Don Pedro, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Eberhardt and Aurora, 6 to 6 1/2; Emma, 4 1/2 to 5; Flagstaff, 12 1/2 to 13; Frontino and Bolivia, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Gold Run, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Last Chance, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; Malpaso, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; New Quebrada, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; Pacific, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Port Phillip, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Richmond Consolidated, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; Rica, 4 to 4 1/2; Sierra Buttes, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Sun Pedro, 4 to 4 1/2; St. John del Rey, 130 to 140; Sweetland Creek, 4 to 4 1/2; Tecoma, 10 1/2 to 10 3/4; Utah, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; United Mexican, 2 to 2 1/2.

At Swansea Ticketing, on Tuesday, 2515 tons of copper ore were sold, realising 35,640l. 5s. 6d. The particulars of the sale were—Average standard for 9 per cent. produce, 96l. 1s. 6d.; average produce, 19; average price per ton, 14l. 3s. 5d.; quantity of fine copper, 477 tons 17 cwt. The following are the particulars of the two last sales:—

Date.	Tons.	Standard.	Produce.	Per ton.	Per unit.	Ore copper.
May 13.	3032	96 14 0	19	14 17 2	15s. 7 1/2 d.	478 2 6
June 3.	2515	96 1 6	19	14 3 8	14 11	74 11 6

Compared with the last sale, the decline has been in the standard 3l. 12s. 6d., and in the price per ton of ore about 14s. There will no sale on June 24.

At Redruth Ticketing, on Thursday, 2084 tons of copper ore were sold, realising 9235l. 9s. 6d. The particulars of the sale were—Average standard, 90l. 12s.; average produce, 7 1/2; average price per ton, 47. 8s. 6d.; quantity of fine copper, 154 tons 18 cwt. The following are the particulars of the sales:—

Date.	Tons.	Standard.	Produce.	Per ton.	Per unit.	Ore copper.
May 1.	1329	97 9 0	7 1/2	47 11 0	12s. 9 1/2 d.	63 15 6
June 5.	2084	90 12 0	7 1/2	47 8 6	12 0	60 0 0

Compared with the last sale, the advance has been in the standard 6l., and in the price per ton of ore about 9s.

The East and West Junction Railway Company (Towcester to Stratford-on-Avon) are inviting subscriptions for 62,500l. PERPETUAL FIVE PER CENT. FIRST DEBTURE STOCK, being the last portion of the 400,000l. worth authorised, the whole forming the first mortgage charge upon the entire undertaking. The price of issue is 97l. 10s. per 100l. stock. The line is 33 1/2 miles long, and forms junctions with the London and North-Western and Great-Western Railways. The first section of the line—from Fenny Compton to Kington—is already in working operation, and notice has been given to the Board of Trade that the whole of the remainder of the line is now completed, in order that their approval may be obtained to the same being opened for traffic forthwith, all necessary rolling stock having been provided. The line connects the Northampton iron ore district to the South Wales coal fields, and it is estimated when the line was commenced that the minimum amount of traffic of the line (deducting 50 per cent. for working expenses) would be 31,956l. 10s., and since that estimate was made the quantity of Northamptonshire iron ore sent into Wales has nearly doubled, and the demand is rapidly increasing in consequence, amongst other reasons, of some of the Welsh ironmasters having determined, through the late strike of their men, to close some of their mines; there is also a great and increasing demand in Staffordshire for this class of ore, which can be advantageously supplied from the mines on this railway. Independently of the deposits, some of which are being worked, previously known to exist on the route of the railway, further deposits have been lately discovered contiguous to the line itself, and of an extent, it is estimated, sufficient to meet the growing demand in Wales and Staffordshire for this class of ore, thus placing the company in an independent position as regards such traffic. The amount required annually to pay the interest on the whole of the perpetual 5 per cent. First Debture Stock is 20,000l., so that on the above estimate the net revenue would exceed by nearly 12,000l. a year the sum necessary for such interest, thus affording an investment in first debture stock equal to that of better known railways. As the line shortens the distance between the Northamptonshire ore and the South Wales coal, its importance is obvious. The prospectus will be found in another column.

The MAUGHOLD HEAD MINING COMPANY, with a capital of 50,000l., in shares of 2l. each (the prospectus of which was published in last week's Mining Journal), is, according to an advertisement which will be found in another column, now shipping hematite iron ore of the best quality, at a profit of 1l. per ton. The company's property, which is 935 acres in extent, embraces the Ballajorra, Dhyrnan, and Maughold Head Mines, the two former yielding hematite iron ore, and the latter copper, and is situated on the north-east coast of the island, between the Great Laxey Mines and Ramsey Bay. One from the Dhyrnan lodes has been analysed by Mr. F. Claudet, assayer to the Bank of England, who finds it to contain 62 per cent. of metallic iron, and states that the ore is of very good quality, and resembles in composition the red hematite of Cumberland. The ore from Ballajorra yielded, according to the analysis of Dr. H. M. Nod, F.R.S., 61.31 per cent. of metallic iron, the ore being described as of first-rate excellence. At Ballajorra, 490 acres in extent, two lodes have been opened, from which many thousands of tons have been already extracted, and sold generally at the highest market prices given for first-class hematite ore, and there are many thousands of tons of ore now ready to be taken away at a clear profit of considerably more than 10s. per ton. In the Dhyrnan, 350 acres in extent, there are also several large veins of hematite iron, which have already produced great quantities of ore, always commanding the best prices. One vein, 15 ft. wide, is now being worked from Port Dhyrnan over 310 fms., and which carries off the water. In Maughold Head, 95 acres in extent, there are two known copper lodes, running in the same direction as the Great Laxey lodes, which have for so many years yielded splendid profits to that company—one of which is from 12 ft. to 15 ft. wide, and the other from 5 ft. to 6 ft. wide. The district is an iron-ore district, and Capt. Rowe, of Mynyddon, is managing engineer, and Messrs. Dumbell, Son, and Howard are the local bankers. It is announced that the list of subscriptions will shortly close.

It is notified that "a compte," or instalment, of 25 frs. per share on account of the dividend on the Pontgibaud Silver Lead Mining and Smelting Company (see page 1872-3), will be paid at the company's office, Rue Richer, Paris, and at the London agency, Queen-street place, on the 5th inst.

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Date.	Mines.	Tons c. q. lb.	Price p. ton.	Amount.	Purchasers.
May 31—Wheat Ury	9 19 0	4 ..	£79 3 4	£78 16 11—Tregoning.
June 2—West Godolphin	6 15 1	17 ..	77 0 0	£21 6 0—Bolitho.
3—Mary Hutchings	2 10 3	0 ..	60 2 0	203 0 0—Tamar.
4—Blue Hills	8 2 1	12 ..	97 2 0	£12 2 2—Dauz.
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Notices to Correspondents.

*. Much inconvenience having arisen in consequence of several of the Numbers during the past year being out of print, we recommend that the Journal should be filed on receipt; it then forms an accumulating useful work of reference.

GARLIES SILVER LEAD MINE.—Can any reader tell me how it is that no information is published with respect to the condition of this mine? The adventure was put forward about three years ago with the most glowing descriptions of its value and prospects by mining experts and others—in fact, two years ago the 200 shares were stated to be worth 80s., and a dividend of 200 to 300 per cent. talked of as not improbable. Have the calls or shares been paid up, and, if not, why not?—SUBSCRIBER.

SOUTH RESOLVE AND CEFY MAWR COLLIERY.—Will any of your correspondents kindly state whether anything is moving in this company's affairs. It was brought out about 1865, and it is rumoured that the concern is likely to be started again. If so, the shareholders may yet rejoice in a dividend.—HOPEFUL.

THE POWER JUMPER.—"R. W. Co." (New York).—The invention was described and illustrated in the *Mining Journal* of Feb. 8; it was introduced by Messrs. Chas. Ball and Co., New Bridge-street, London; they will furnish all particulars as to mechanical details, price, &c.; and for that purpose "R. W. Co.'s" letter has been forwarded to them.

KROMSCHRÖDER'S AIR GAS.—"R. F." (Leeds).—The details asked for will be found in the specification No. 3662 of 1871, which embodies improvements upon the invention of 1863. We will forward the specification on receipt of 1s. 6d. in stamps.

QUOTATIONS FOR MINE SHARES.—We have frequently stated that, with regard to the quotations of many mine shares, it would be impossible to sell them at the quotations given in the Share List—or, indeed, to effect a sale at any price whatever in the market; yet, as the transactions are vouched for as having taken place, we are bound to record the prices as business done. It should be understood, however, that the prices are only those obtained by the promoters or others in a similar position from the public.

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THE MINING JOURNAL,

Railway and Commercial Gazette.

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THE COAL ENQUIRY.

As we anticipated from the first, the Committee appointed by the House of Commons to enquire into the cause of the high price and scarcity of coal in the early part of the year has, after many sittings up to Whitsuntide, obtained no more information than that which we had ourselves given in the Journal before it commenced taking evidence. Undoubtedly the ground gone over and the questions put to the witnesses embraced every conceivable object as to the mode of working collieries, the cause of strikes, and the benefit of arbitration in the settlement of disputes. Further than that, indeed, the Committee has gone, for we have had enquiries as to the social habits of the collier, the condition of his house, the education of his family, the strength of his constitution, the occupation of his leisure hours, and, as a climax, the price of champagne in the Wigan district! Such was the character of the questions put to many of the witnesses, and were, of course, answered according to the views of those who were questioned on the systems which prevail in their respective districts. We need scarcely say that the information elicited with regard to the items we have enumerated is by no means calculated to increase our knowledge as to the reason for the scarcity and high price of fuel which existed in February last. Still, there may be some occult affinity between the price of champagne in Wigan and the price of coal in London which is beyond the ken of ordinary mortals, and we consequently look forward with not a little curiosity to that part of the report which will enlighten us on the subject. On the occasion of the last sitting we spent a short time in the committee-room, and we must candidly say that the majority of the questions put appeared to us to bear no more relevancy to the issues to be tried than if the Committee had been appointed to enquire into the working of coal mines by itself. Questions were put as to benefit societies amongst the miners, whether in certain cases where votes had to be taken the witnesses would prefer the ballot or open voting, and we were treated to a history of the South Wales strike from Mr. HALLIDAY's point of view. The single and double shift systems were rather warmly "discussed" by some members of the Committee and the representatives of the miners, whilst questions as to arbitration and agreements between masters and workmen occupied no inconsiderable time. How far those matters actually related to the subject which the Committee was delegated to enquire into we leave our readers to judge; our own opinion is that such enquiries had no bearing whatever on the price of coal, and if the same course is pursued, and colliery owners and mining agents from all the districts in the kingdom are to be examined, the work before the Committee is very far from being finished; so that we may expect to see the report issued long after all necessity for it has passed away, and when it can under no circumstances be of any earthly use whatever. Indeed, the march of events has already overtaken the labours of the Committee, for there is now no scarcity of coal, but, on the contrary, stocks are so plentiful that at some pits thousands of tons may be seen on the banks. Prices have also fallen very much, for since the panic in February last coal that then made 46s. per ton in London can now be obtained at from 33s. to 34s. These are points that must be patent even to the Committee, and we are at a loss to discover what information can now be elicited that can be beneficial to the public, or tend in any way to prevent the price of coal from rising or falling for the future.

As to the actual cause of the late scarcity of coal, and its consequent high price, there are not two opinions even amongst the witnesses examined, let alone those who are far more competent to speak upon the subject. All persons at all conversant with the matter agree with what has been written over and over again, that the principal cause of the high price and scarcity of coal was the great increase in the production of iron—and, we may add, of every description of steel—and the additional quantity absorbed for general manufacturing purposes. The demand more than overtook the output, and it is evident that the high wages paid to the miners did not diminish the quantity of coal raised, as was shown by the statistics given to the Committee by the Government Inspectors, and which, if at all reliable, makes it quite clear that in 1872 there were at least six million tons more coal raised than in the previous year.

As we before stated, there has been a great and decided change in the coal trade in all parts of the kingdom since February last, and although Mr. BROWN informed the Committee that the miners did not like to see coal stacked, as it gave masters a great power over the men, yet at the present time considerable quantities of coal are to be seen at many pits, especially in the Midland districts. This in itself shows that the supply is in excess of the demand, and, of course, has led to the reduction in price. But it is also evident that prices must further decline, for, owing to the large profits made by colliery owners during the past year, a great many capitalists have been induced to invest in the purchase of collieries, and in the opening out of new ones. Here, then, we have the remedy worked out by the agency of extraordinary high prices, so that there is much truth in the remark of Mr. TENNANT, of Leeds, in his evidence, that his brother colliery proprietors had been killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. This is evident when it is taken into consideration that many of those new concerns will be in full operation in the course of a year or two, and as their owners will compete for the trade with the present proprietors of mines in all our markets we have no fear that prices will during the present generation, at least, be as high as they were in February last. With the large

capital now being sunk in mining property there will be no limit to the output, so far as regards the new mines, so that increased competition must have the effect of keeping prices down. One of the principal drawbacks apparently to the development of our minerals, however, will be that with regard to labour. At the present time colliers are scarce—a reason in itself for high wages—but that can be got over effectually, we think, by the adoption of mechanical appliances, which so far have not been taken advantage of by our colliery owners to the extent that might have been expected. Horse labour in mines can be easily and beneficially superseded by engine-power, and the tail or endless wire-ropes, as at present adopted at many collieries; whilst the work of the hewer can be more effectually and economically accomplished by the coal-cutting machine. By such means the raising of coal can be more easily effected than at present, and as machinery will become a positive necessity our mines will be more cheaply and safely worked than they now are, and with advantage not only to those immediately connected with them but to the public as well.

We have thus shown the cause of the recent high price and scarcity of coal, and what the trade is likely to be in the future, our views being such as will be endorsed by men practically conversant with the subject. How long the Committee presided over by Mr. AYRTON proposes sitting we are unable to say, but should the members of it continue to take evidence up to the close of the year we do not believe that more information will be given to the public than what we have already published. For all useful purposes, then, we do not see what good the Committee is capable of effecting, for we do not believe that mining agents or working colliers are exactly the persons best able to speak with authority on a subject relating to the supply and demand of a most important article connected with the greatest of our national industries.

THE KROMSCHRÖDER GAS.

The vast superiority of gas as compared with every other means of illumination for general purposes has led almost innumerable inventors to exert themselves to render the generation of illuminating gas so simple and economic as to place it within the reach of the smallest hamlet, and even of the country mansion; but, in the development of the various inventions difficulties have usually been met with which have limited their application to such an extent as to render them, commercially speaking, failures. When it has been proposed to use coal for the production of home-made gas there has often been much inconvenience experienced in obtaining the necessary supply of coal of suitable quality for gas-making purposes, and when oil has been adopted as the gas-yielding material, the process has frequently proved so costly as to preclude its use; so that the more utilitarian portion of the inventive world have regarded the carburation of atmospheric air as the sole practicable method of enabling each consumer to become his own gas manufacturer; but here again there was an obstacle, for it was found in practice that although a sufficient quantity of the hydrocarbon used became so intimately mixed with the air that it could usually be satisfactorily employed, there was the insuperable objection that the hydrocarbon was liable to separate from the atmosphere air, especially when the burner was some distance from the generator, or when the pipes conveying the gas were submitted to a low temperature, the consequence being that no light whatever could be obtained at perhaps the very time when it was most urgently wanted.

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We are informed that the prospectus of the company will appear on Wednesday, and that the applications for the adoption of the process are very numerous.

CAUTION TO MINE MANAGERS.—The managing agent of East Boscaswell Mine, St. Just-in-Penwith, was charged before the Rev. J. Tonkin and Mr. W. C. Borlase, at the West Penwith Petty Sessions, Penzance, with having on May 14 permitted the use in the mine of a steam-boiler which had not a proper steam-gauge and water-gauge on it, as is required by the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act, 1872, sec. 23, sub-section 18 (the "General Rules"). The boiler burst, and a man was killed. The prosecution was instituted by Dr. Le Néve Foster, the Inspector of Mines, on the instructions of the Home Secretary, represented by Mr. Milton (Messrs. Borlase and Milton). The defendant admitted the charge, but stated that he was not aware of the provisions of the Act. The Bench called attention to the penalty (not exceeding 20l.), but on the representation of the prosecution that this was the first case under the Act, refrained from inflicting a penalty, and merely recorded the conviction.

EXCESSIVE RATING OF MINES IN SOMERSETSHIRE.—The Assessment Committee of the Long Ashton petty sessional division sat on Tuesday to hear appeals against the rating of certain mines. Mr. Anson (of the firm of O'Donoghue, Rickards, and Anson) appeared for the overseers of Winford, and Mr. Perham for the appellants. The first case was that of Messrs. Owen, Firmstone, and Owen, trading under the title of the "Hematite Iron Company." They were rated for an ironstone quarry at a gross value of 2500l., and a rateable value of 1200l. Mr. Perham objected to the rate on three grounds—that it was illegal, that it was unequal, and that it was

excessive. The committee decided, it is understood (for reporters and the public were excluded), against the appellants on the legal points of the objection. On the plea of over-rating they reduced the amount from 2500l. to 550l. gross, allowing 35 per cent. off for the rateable value. The next case was that of Mr. Michael Hobbs, and the same legal gentlemen appeared as in the last case. The committee reduced the assessment in this case from 2000l. gross to 260l. Another case was that of Mr. T. Sherwood Smith (rated, we believe, at 2500l. gross), the appellant himself appearing, and contending that this was a mine and not a quarry. The decision in this case was ultimately adjourned for a month; as was also another, in which Mr. Lane (Barker and Lane) appeared for the appellant.

THE ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF COAL IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The report which appeared recently in most of the daily and other papers that coal had been found in Lincolnshire was so far from being satisfactory to ourselves that we determined upon visiting the scene of the interesting discovery. We had a rather indistinct idea, however, as to the best mode of reaching it, not knowing in what particular corner of Lincolnshire it was situated, except, indeed, that it was in the Isle of Axholme, although the island surroundings are not now to be seen, for the tidal deposits of the Humber have made land where at one time only water was to be seen. Arriving at Doncaster we made some enquiries, and at once proceeded by railway to the Haxey station, and were there informed that the new coal field was at Epworth, the birthplace of John Wesley, distant about six miles, but to which there was no railway communication nor vehicle that could be hired. There being no hostelry at hand we were kindly invited to the residence of Mr. Wakefield, a gentleman farmer, and there most hospitably entertained. An offer of a drive to Epworth was then kindly volunteered by Mr. M. Belton, another farmer, and accepted. Passing through a highly-cultivated district, where the land is unfenced, and laid out in plots, we reached Epworth, which is considered the capital of the Isle of Axholme. There we at once commenced our enquiries, and put ourselves in communication with a North-country gentleman, formerly connected with mining operations, and who had given a great deal of attention to the boring at Epworth. We were at once shown two places where the borings were made, and from one of which it was alleged that coal was found. A bore-hole, it appeared, was first made with chisels 2½ in. in diameter at the top of a hill, about half-a-mile from the town, to a depth of about 53 yards, when the sinker alleged that he had come upon the New Red Sandstone, and that he had passed through gypsum and china-clay—the latter, of course, being very valuable. This certainly looked most promising—too much so, indeed, to anyone conversant with the geological character of the district. The sinker then changed his ground, after making known the valuable strata he had met with, and commenced boring at the base of the hill. He got down 41 yards, and there showed some small pieces of coal about the size of beans, which he said was from a seam at the bottom. He then remarked that he had effected all that was required of him, got his money, packed up his traps, and took his departure. Although urgently requested to continue sinking, he declined to do so, no doubt for reasons best known to himself, so that we have no hesitation in saying that the alleged discovery was in every way untrue on the part of the sinker, who so suddenly decamped. Before doing so, however, he very kindly recommended Mrs. Lee, at whose expense and on whose land the borings were made, to sink a shaft, for there was plenty of coal.

Of course, it is simply preposterous to suppose that coal could have been found at such a depth, even supposing it to exist in Lincolnshire. Of the latter, however, it may be said that several well-known geologists are of opinion that coal will be found in the county, and in the locality where the boring was recently made; but we do not believe that anyone expects it to be found at a depth of less than 500 yards. Mr. Knipe, we were informed, was in favour of the idea that coal would be found in the neighbourhood of Epworth. Mr. John Roseley, the engineer to Mr. Winn, of Nostel, the owner of the vast mineral fields around Frodingham, also considers that the measures of the great Midland coal field rise to the east after leaving Doncaster, and extend through the Vale of York. The probabilities are rather in favour of the latter theory, which can only be determined by the bore, and since a commencement has been made in that direction we believe it will now be followed up, although boring by hand appears to us to be out of the question in going to the depth where the coal (if it exists at all) is likely to be found. The nearest colliery to Lincolnshire is Denaby Main, which is 450 yards deep, and where the coal is worked about five or six miles from Doncaster. The dip from that place towards Doncaster is very great, in some places being 1 in 5 or 6. It is to be hoped that operations will shortly be resumed at Epworth, but on a scale calculated to settle the question as to whether coal is to be met with there at a workable depth. This can be done by the landowners subscribing *pro rata* according to their holdings, for the finding of coal in that part of the county would make the whole district, extending from Frodingham to Lincoln, one of the most important centres of the iron trade in the kingdom, seeing that there is scarcely any limitation to the quantity of ironstone that is to be found over a vast area of ground, and much of which is at the present time unexplored.

COAL IN SARAWAK.—In the presence of the continued high prices and scarcity of production which have so long characterised the English coal market, the very mention of the possibility of procuring coal elsewhere, even from the nethermost ends of the earth, endows the news with an interest which would not ordinarily attach to it. Large quantities of coal are shipped annually from this country to very distant parts of the world, and a reduction of such exportation must tend to the reduction of prices at home. The *Sarawak Gazette* of March 31 contains an article on the long known existence of large beds of coal in Sarawak, which in Labuan have only been worked to an extent so trifling as to be hardly worth mentioning.

Although three companies have been formed with a view to work the Labuan Mines, the ill-success of these, the Editor says, arises from the fact that the existence of coal to any extent in the territory of Sarawak has been generally ignored up to the present time, and is probably unknown to the majority of the people of England. This ignorance is further traced to the fact that so little is really known of the geography of the place itself in the old country. The coal in Labuan lies at a steep angle, making mining operations both difficult and expensive. The Chinese are reported to be at it underground mining, but the quality of the Labuan coal has been pronounced by engineers in Singapore to be inferior to the samples sent from Sarawak, though these were taken from the exposed surface of the seams. Beside, we have to set against what the *Times* confesses to be 20 years of failure in the Labuan mines, large unworked beds of good coal in accessible positions near great tidal rivers, and in districts where there does not seem to be any cause for apprehension from unruly Dyak or aboriginal Chinese. This is little doubt, moreover, that were an influx of British subjects to take place the visits of Her Majesty's gunboats, which are now rather few and far between, would be increased in number sufficiently to ensure confidence in any timid persons who, from inadequate knowledge of the country, may not deem that life and property are too insecure to warrant them in investing their capital in what may prove a profitable and very far from hazardous enterprise.

COAL FIELD IN THE FAROE ISLANDS.—The screw steamer *Diana*, which is employed to run the mails between Copenhagen and Iceland by way of Lerwick and Granton, arrived in the latter port on Saturday evening, on her last outward passage for the season. Seven of her cabin passengers are the proprietors of an extensive coal field which was discovered on the Faroe Islands last year, and they are on their way to begin working the mine. One of the proprietors is a German, three are English, and three Danish. One of the Danes is owner of the island where coal has been found. The party has on board all necessary appliances for beginning operations. The coal in Faroe runs in the seams through the mountainous portion of the island 1200 ft. above the sea level. The area of the coal field is 32 square miles, and the thickest seam is 6 ft., the average being from 3 ft. to 4 ft. The company have a capital of 25,000l.; the point at which it is intended to commence is close to a good harbour, and coals will probably be out in three months.

UNWROUGHT STEEL.—The exports of unwrought steel from the United Kingdom in April amounted to 3551 tons, as compared with 4045 tons in April, 1872, and 2534 tons in April, 1871; and in the four months ending April 30, this year, to 12,832 tons, against 13,768 tons in the corresponding period of 1872, and 8913 tons in the corresponding period of 1871. To this year's total France contributed 1039 tons, the United States 7300 tons, and other countries 4493 tons; the corresponding totals in the corresponding period of 1872 being 1034 tons, 7917 tons, and 4797 tons respectively. The value of the unwrought steel exported in April was 130,518l., as compared with 133,853l. in April, 1872, and 79,044l. in April, 1871; and in the first

ending April 30, this year, 467,109, as compared with 452,045, the corresponding period of 1872, and 282,295, in 1871.

REPORT FROM CORNWALL.

June 5.—Although practically the dullness manifest in every department of mining matters remains unchanged, a more hopeful tone is gradually arising. There is an impression gaining ground that the worst point has now been touched, and that a reaction, therefore, must soon take place. This is especially true of the copper mines, which are assuming a more satisfactory aspect, and those who have good means of knowledge believe that in another month the copper standard may be expected to return to what is its normal condition. Under the circumstances there can be no doubt that Devon Great Consols and Hingston Down Mines have taken the best course open to them in resolving to stock. It is sure to pay them, and other mines will follow the same course. The only drawback, and that a very small one by comparison, is that the accumulation of so much ore must necessarily retard the recovery of the standard somewhat. But this is a very light matter compared with the loss which a continuance of the ordinary course of sales under present circumstances would entail.

We are bound to say that the immediate prospects of tin mining do not look upon generally quite so hopefully as those of copper. This should be, however, we really cannot discover. The last strike attributed again to untoward Welsh labour influences, and which unquestionably these have had something to do with it. Still, these influences have really nothing more permanent about them than the strike of the rolling men in the copper-smelting works, and we do not anticipate anything from this special source which would excite any alarm. Of course, behind this we have the labour difficulty and the high cost of materials and coals, which are by no means so easily overcome; but serious as these considerations are, they are not unfairly weighted in other directions, our tin mines could bear them with at least moderate success.

The labour difficulty does not seem to be troubling the management of the Cornwall Minerals Railways to any great extent. They have a large number of men at work on different parts of their system pushing on the cuttings and the plate-laying with great activity. The workings on the Great Perran lode will be chiefly open, so that there is every prospect of a plentiful supply of men being obtained. There is no need to wonder that men prefer open workings to underground and shallow mines to deep ones. If there were more man-engines among our older mines they would not have so much reason as now to complain of a scarcity of hands.

The Board of Guardians have considered the Government proposals, and have resolved to petition Parliament, "That it will not only be inexpedient but unjust to subject tin and copper mines to the operation of the general laws of assessment, and that the only equitable basis of assessment of such mines in the dues of royalty paid by them."

The fortieth annual report of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society, just issued, is the largest that we recollect, extending to over 250 pages. It contains a lot of excellent matter apart from the usual reports, and is especially interesting to mining men. Among other matters there should be noted Mr. Worth's "Historical Notes on the Progress of Mining Skill in Devon and Cornwall," and descriptions of Hayward Tyler's universal pump, Maughan's patent regenerator, Carr's disintegrator, Ashton and Storey's steam-power meter and continuous indicator, Bellow's rapid wages cylinder, and the Foster steam-pressure gauge.

Apart from the portable engines, there are really only two matters for the Implement Department of the North and West of England Society, now open at Plymouth, which are connected with mining. These are both at the stand of Mr. Marsden, of Leeds—one is that gentleman's improved Blake's Stone-Breaker, the ponderous jaws of which have been champing the hardest trap (whin) rock to be found in the neighbourhood with the greatest ease; the other is an improved patent pulveriser for copper, lead, and other ores, invented by Mr. Marsden, which possesses a vertical rock-bar, toggle-motion, and newly-invented grinding jaws. In general principle of operation it resembles the stone-breaker.

REPORT FROM SCOTLAND.

June 4.—The tone of the Warrant Market has not been so firm during the past week. The closing price on Friday was 114s. On Monday business was done from 114s. 3d. to 113s. 3d., closing at the latter price. Yesterday the forenoon market was flat, and the price receded to 112s. 6d., but an improvement took place during the afternoon, and the close was buyers 113s. 9d., and sellers 114s. Today the market opened firmly at 114s., and improved during the day to 115s., closing sellers at that price, buyers 114s. 9d. The agitation amongst the Cleveland miners has resulted in a reference of the matters in dispute to the decision of an arbitrator, and in Scotland the masters and their workmen have agreed to hold a conference on the vexed question of the "Special Rules." Shipments are still going on on an extensive scale, and iron is being freely ordered out of store. The prices of Makers' Iron are now quoted somewhat lower, and the special brands have a tendency to come nearer the prices of ordinary iron.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Gartsherrrie at Glasgow (deliverable alongside).....	130s. 0d.	115s. 0d.
Coltness ditto ditto.....	131 0	117 6
Summerlee ditto ditto.....	130 0	115 6
Cambrook ditto ditto.....	123 0	115 6
Monkland ditto ditto.....	121 0	115 0
Clyde ditto ditto.....	121 0	115 0
Govan, at Broomielaw ditto.....	115 0	114 0
Langloan, at Port Dundas ditto.....	130 0	117 6
Calder ditto ditto.....	130 0	115 0
Glasgow, at Ardrossan ditto.....	122 6	116 0
Eglington ditto ditto.....	115 0	113 0
Dalmellington ditto ditto.....	116 0	114 0
Carron, at Grangemouth, selected, ditto.....	130 0	—
Rhoda, at Leith ditto.....	130 0	118 6
Kinnell, at Boness ditto.....	125 0	117 0
Bar Iron.....	£13 10 to £14 0	—
Nail rods.....	14	—

Week ending June 1, 1872.....	Tons 22,110
Week ending May 21, 1873.....	16,880
Decrease.....	5,230
Total decrease since Dec. 25, 1872.....	113,947
Imports of Middleborough pig-iron into Grangemouth:—	
Week ending June 1, 1872.....	Tons 1220
Week ending May 25, 1873.....	490
Decrease.....	830
Total decrease for 1873.....	9069

Notwithstanding the very large decrease in the shipments of Pig Iron since Dec. 25, as shown above, the stock in Connal's stores has been reduced by close on 50,000 tons in the same period, and there now remains only a reserve of about 58,000 tons to supplement production. As it has been pretty accurately estimated that the local consumption and shipments are exceeding the make of our furnaces by about 9000 tons per week, it is evident that, in ordinary circumstances, the price of iron will be well sustained during the remainder of the year. The number of furnaces in blast on May 31 was 131; same date last year, 123; this is allowing makers to go a little into stock, but the amount is so trifling that it is as yet regarded as unworthy of notice. The motionless condition of the Bar-Iron trade continues, unassisted by one hopeful sign. The meagre parcels in hand for shipment are being placed f.o.b. at nominal quotations, while for home consumption there is hardly a bar being made. The list quotes bars at from 13s. 15s. to 14s.; nail-roads at 14s.; angles at 14s. 5s. to 15s.; hoops, 15s.; plates, ship, at 15s.; boiler, 15s. to 16s. 10s. With the exception of nail-roads the other descriptions can be booked under these rates. Some of the works are completely closed, the others are only working partial time. Now buyers, waiting in the hope of purchasing on better terms, run a great chance of being disappointed, as the shipments and consumption of pig-iron have so far exceeded the permanent production, and made such a serious inroad on the reserve, that the cost of the raw iron alone will render finished iron a more costly article than it has been for several years past. Melters are still consuming considerable quantities of foundry iron, and tin-plate makers and galvanisers are absorbing quantities

sued for sheets, but the forges are easier, unless for heavy machinery for steamers, for which only a limited demand exists. The Buenos Ayres Special Commissioners are inviting tenders in this market for pipeage for water and sewage purposes for that city.

The decline which we noticed a couple of weeks ago in the various descriptions of Coal has been fully recovered, and prices are again very firm. For this the public are indebted to the generalship of the miners' leaders, and to some one or two well intentioned members of Parliament, who know almost nothing of the trade or the trades whose business arrangements they have undertaken to superintend and control in the interest of the poor miner. The gentlemen who comprise the latter class held a conference here on Monday, at which Mr. McDonald complained that at a meeting of mine owners, held in the Bedford Hotel on May 14, Mr. Burns stated that the agitation had originated with himself (Mr. McDonald). Of course, Mr. McDonald declared the statement a fabrication, and this met with the applause of his auditors. Before the close of the meeting two resolutions were passed—the first, assuring members of Parliament and all concerned that the feeling of dissatisfaction with the "special rules" had in no way subsided; and the second, accepting a proposal to hold a conference with the employers on the subject, not later, if possible, than the 13th of the present month, the men to be represented by 20 delegates. A levy of 3d. per man was also authorised to defray expenses.

The shipments of coals from the Scotch ports for the week show a decline of fully 9000 tons, the figures being respectively—for this year 40,177 tons, against 48,429 tons in the corresponding week of 1872. Steam and household coal range from 15s. to 18s. a ton, f.o.b., and gas coal from 20s. to Lesmahagow at 50s. a ton; Boghead mineral, from 65s. to 76s. 6d. a ton.

The Board of Examination for the mining district of the West of Scotland have appointed a diet for the examination of applicants for certificates of competency as colliery managers under the Mines Regulation Act. A great many applications have been lodged with the secretary to the board. The examiners will be:—Mr. James McCreath, mining engineer, Glasgow; Mr. Andrew Kirkwood McCosh, Gartsherrie; and Mr. John Greig, Coltness. The candidates will be examined in two classes, the first class being intended for those who have already had practical experience in the management of mines, and open to applicants who have had five years' experience either as manager or as underground manager or overman, having had during the whole of said five years charge of 75 men. The second class is for applicants above 21 years of age, who have had two years' experience underground in any capacity, or who have served three years in a mining engineer's office, and have been engaged in the active survey of pits and making plans, or who have been employed as mechanics at a mining establishment for two years, and have been during the eight months immediately preceding their application employed underground acquiring a knowledge of mineral workings.

THE SPECIAL RULES—PROPPING THE ROOF.

SIR.—At the present time, when the subject of timbering in coal working is so prominently before the public, and about to be made the subject of a strike by the whole of the colliers of Scotland (as represented by Mr. Alexander McDonald at the Home Office the other day, of 40,000 men), the following extract from the report of Mr. Alexander, H.M. Inspector of Mines for the West of Scotland, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, for the year 1862, is worthy of attention:—"I have always entertained the opinion that no one can be so competent a judge of the state of the coal and roof in a working place as the person who is engaged at all times in it. And I am not aware that management can do much more than insist upon proper precautions of a general description being taken, and such as might be enforced by the occasional visit of the underground overman, particularly in long wall working, where, from the continued action of the superincumbent strata, a roof may change from being apparently safe to actually dangerous in little more than 10 minutes. Under such circumstances immediate action is indispensable, otherwise a wall face may be suddenly closed and the works interrupted."

A COLLIERY OWNER.

TRADE OF THE TYNE AND WEAR.

June 5.—The coal and other trades are very quiet, and but few vessels are to be seen in these rivers at present. The value of coal and coke continues to be well maintained. Of course, the termination of the strike or lock-out in Cleveland has given great satisfaction, and the result has been increased firmness in the coke trade especially. The engine and foundry trades of the district are also very quiet, and the same remark applies with equal force to the iron shipbuilding and chemical trades of the Tyne and Wear.

New coal fields continue to be offered, and as most of them have been taken up the result ultimately must be a very large increase in the output of coal, although, of course, this depends in a great measure on the supply of labour likely to be obtained. The owners of royalties are now asking greatly increased rates for the coal offered. In addition to the new royalties offered there are some old collieries for sale both here and in Cumberland, and some of them are well worthy of attention. It has been generally supposed that no good coke could be made from coals got out of the Cumberland coal field, but this appears to be a great mistake. The real fact seems to be that the colliery proprietors in that district have shown a great want of enterprise so far as the coke trade is concerned. We have seen excellent coke lately made from the coal produced in this field—from the small coals washed—and all that is required is the erection of coke ovens at the works where this valuable coal is produced, in order to ensure a large production of coke, which is now very valuable in Cumberland, and looking at the quality of the iron ore found there, and the extent of the iron manufactures, the demand for coke may be expected to increase.

The Durham county engineers have had frequent meetings of late, and further very heavy demands have been made by them for increased rates of pay, although they have during the past year had their working hours per day reduced from 12 to 8, and their pay is now considerably more for 8 hours than it was formerly for 12. They, however, demand a further advance of about 20 per cent., and threaten that if this demand is not complied with they will give in their notices, so that this may cause a very awkward complication shortly.

The Iron Trade is very quiet; the blast-furnaces, indeed, have not yet a sufficient supply of ore to get them into full blast, and the Whitsuntide holidays having come in the way little work or business of any kind has been done.

REPORT FROM NORTH AND SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

June 5.—Owing to the Whitsun holidays, which are universally observed in Staffordshire, there has been a complete suspension of business this week alike in the Coal and Iron Trades. We have, consequently, little to add to our last report. Quotations remain unchanged for coal, slack, and ironstone. Best brands of pig and finished iron are still quoted on the basis of 8s. for all-mine and 10s. for marked bars, but for second qualities prices are irregular, with a tendency towards ease. At the commencement of the holidays the orders on the books of manufacturers had been worked up pretty closely, and short time in most of the mills and forges now appears inevitable, seeing that makers are unable, owing to the great cost of production, to reduce prices to a sufficiently low standard to tempt business.

If a statement recently made on apparently good authority is to be credited there is not much probability of any improvement in the demand from the United States markets, seeing that American finished iron is about to be imported into this country in considerable quantity. It is also stated that railway axles of American make are being delivered in England at 3s. per ton below the price charged by local producers. These startling anomalies have naturally produced an immense excitement in Staffordshire, which, from its inland position is more likely to feel the effects of this rivalry than any other English iron district. To the iron trade of this kingdom generally, however, the matter is one demanding prompt and earnest investigation. The *prima facie* conclusion to be drawn is that the American ironmasters have stolen a march on those of this country in the application of scientific means for effecting economy of production; and now that the English labour market can command so high a wages rate our Transatlantic rivals are placed at a decided advantage over us, which they will not be slow to turn to good account. In the introduction of labour-saving machinery, and of scientific appliances for economising fuel, the true remedy for the existing state of affairs will alone be found; and in connection with the subject of the cost of iron production, attention is being directed to the reckless waste of fuel, owing to its imperfect consumption, evidence of which is afforded by the dense clouds of black smoke which overpread the district. Several new mining enterprises are in progress in and around South Staffordshire, which give promise of a considerably augmented yield both of fuel and ironstone. The Fair Oak sinking, which struck the coal measure at a depth of 97 yards, has now reached a total depth of 120 yards, and evidences of the immediate proximity of the coal itself are very encouraging. This sinking is at the most northerly point of the

South Staffordshire field, and it will afford the most valuable evidence as to the extension of the coal measures in that direction. At Leacroft, south of Cannock Chase, a valuable four-foot seam of coal has been discovered, and at Newtown, in the same neighbourhood, coal of good quality and in abundant supply has been met with at a depth of 80 yards. The new sinking of the Cannock and Rugeley Colliery Company, at Hednesford, has virtually completed the proof of the existence of gubbin ironstone in that district for a distance of five or six miles.

The North Staffordshire Iron Trade is very flat, the loss of American demand being felt here even more severely than in the south part of the county. The prospects of business are, on the whole, gloomier than we have been able to report for some time past.

The Coal Trade of North Staffordshire is easier, and prices have declined to the extent of 1s. 8d. per ton.

At the South Staffordshire ironfoundries some tolerable orders for chilled rolls and other mill and forge machinery are in course of execution, but the demand for general castings is not very actively sustained.

SANDWELL PARK TRIAL SINKING.—The following circular has been issued by Mr. Henry Johnson, the engineer and secretary:—"I am requested by the directors of this company to inform you that on the 20th inst. a third Thin coal was sunk through, about 6 in. in thickness, 13 yards below the second coal referred to in my report to you of the 16th inst., under which lies about 2 ft. thick of fire-clay, then blue binds. The shaft is sunk about 6 yards below the Third coal, and is now in very kind blue binds, to a total depth of 250 yards from the surface, and there is no additional water."

REPORT FROM MONMOUTH AND SOUTH WALES.

June 5.—The state of the staple trades of this district remains much the same as last week. Whitsuntide holidays have been freely kept by ironworkers and miners, and, therefore, there has been but little work done above or underground. Even through the festive aspect of things, however, some apprehension was evinced that the iron trade was beginning to be less satisfactory than was expected. Orders did not seem to be given out latterly so freely as makers had calculated upon, and it was thought that buyers were going to withhold contracts with the hope of bringing down prices. It must be admitted that there is not quite so much activity in the market as makers would like to see; but, taking things altogether, there is not much room for complaint. With the exception of the interruption caused by the holidays, as before alluded to, the works are in full employ, and there are sufficient orders in hand to keep them so for some time to come. In the meantime, no doubt, fresh specifications will be placed, as manufactured iron will be in rather urgent request, there being no stocks in hand in foreign markets. The works of Monmouth and Glamorganshire continue to turn out large quantities of railway iron. The exports have not been extensive of late, however, but there are extensive stocks at the shipping ports ready for shipment. Makers are firm in regard to quotations, for so long as the cost of labour and raw materials is so high it is impossible that manufactured iron can be sold at much lower rates than are now quoted.

Some signs of the extended trade which is being carried on are still witnessed from time to time at the iron-making establishments. Another blast-furnace has been blown in at the Blaenavon Ironworks, which makes the ninth furnace now in blast. These works have been successively extended during the last few years, and other new machinery is being added to the establishment. The company are also increasing their mineral workings. A new ironstone working, called the Waun Avon Slope, has just been opened. This working is being driven to the dip, and is to develop an area of about 500 yards, in which seams known as the Black Pin and Soap Vein are to be found. By increasing their number of blast-furnaces the Blaenavon Iron and Steel Company (Limited) have largely increased their consumption of the native ironstone and the production of cold-blast pigs. Another blast-furnace, which makes the fourth, has been lighted at the Race Works, Pontypool, and a large amount of activity is to be witnessed at the establishment.

The 26th anniversary of the opening of the Briton Ferry Ironworks, which fell on Whit Monday, was commemorated by an interesting ceremony. On that day the employees, some 600 in all, presented Mr. Davey, the manager, with a silver centre-piece and a valuable drawing-room clock as a token of their estimation of him.

There is no improvement to be reported in regard to the state of the Tin-Plate Trade. Orders continue to come in slowly, makers declining to make large reductions in quotations, and buyers will not, therefore, give out contracts with anything like freedom.

Compared with other weeks the amount of business transacted in connection with the Coal Trade during the present week has been but small, the colliers having deserted their places of working to go pleasure seeking. There is a good demand, however, for steam coals, and prices are firm. Reports from some quarters continue to predict a falling off in the demand for steam qualities, as well as for house coals, but there is as yet but a slight diminution of activity. House coals, as a matter of course, are in less request.

Strikes and rumours of strikes continue to reach us from various parts of the district. The night-working colliers of the Aberdare district are still agitating for six days' wages for five night turns a week. In the Rhondda Valley and other districts the colliers who work at night have for years been paid a full week's wages for five night turns per week, and the Aberdare colliers cannot see why they should not be paid on the same scale. The colliery proprietors object, however, to the course, but offer the men an advance of 3d. per day instead, which offer the men decline with no little show of indignation.

The colliers employed at the Rhymney Iron Company's Collieries, at Tirphill, are out on strike because the company have proposed an arrangement for the adoption of the nine-hour system which the men will not agree to. The men employed at the Powell's Llantwit Colliery have threatened to strike unless the system of working five night turns a week, and six days' pay for the same, be adopted. The copper smelters in the Swansea district struck work for an advance in the rate of wages of 3s. per cent. The employers resisted such an enormous demand. The men have returned to work at advances varying from 10 to 20 per cent.

In reference to the Cardiff and Swansea Smokeless Steam Coal Company (Limited) the *South Wales Evening Telegram* says:—"This undertaking has been successfully floated, the number of applications having far exceeded expectations. The allotment is expected to take place on Saturday or Monday next. The company is one of the largest coal undertakings placed upon the market, and the whole of the arrangements connected with its promotion were entrusted to Mr. H. Russell Evans, Newport. The latest quotation for shares is 3 to 3½ prem."

REPORT FROM DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE.

June 5.—There has been but little doing during the week at either the ironworks or collieries in either Derbyshire or Yorkshire, so that there is really nothing to communicate as to the actual state of trade. However, although the men have scarcely resumed work, we may say that business is good in all that relates to the production of plain and manufactured iron, as well as in Bessemer rails and forgings. The coal trade has undergone but little change, although the stoppage of work has led to a large number of wagons being at most of the pits ready for loading next week at least. The demand for coal in London is rather quiet, owing in some measure to the prices being such as to keep merchants from taking more than is necessary for immediate requirements. Steam coal is in rather better request, but prices again keep back orders. On Wednesday afternoon there was a meeting of the South Yorkshire Steam Coalowners' Association at the King's Head, Barnsley, but little actual business besides the discussion of the state of trade was done. It was understood that Earl Fitzwilliam's men met to-day at Elsecar, in front of his mansion, Wentworth-Woodhouse, and, it is said, having amply apologised will resume work at once. It appears that, amongst other complaints, they wished to have the coal supplied to them in a better state than they sent it up from the pit themselves, so that the public were supposed to have what they actually refused, although paid for it as good marketable coal. However, having seen their error, and apologised, the matter, it is believed, is now looked over.

At Messrs. Crippin's Bryn Hall Colliery, after the accident on Saturday, an extraordinary scene took place on the pit bank. The

head fireman, Arkwright, had several times descended the pit, and he was again about to enter the hoppett to be lowered when his wife made her appearance, and strongly objected to his risking his life another time. As her remonstrances were of no avail she seized her husband—by no means a lightly-built man—and actually carried him away. Early in the night Mr. Bell, the Assistant-Inspector, and Mr. Peter Higson, jun., penetrated the south side of the workings, and there found a smouldering but growing fire, which was, in all probability, the cause of the smoke in the upcast. An "Extincteur," which had been obtained from the adjacent collieries of Messrs. Pearson and Knowles, was sent down, the fire was quickly extinguished, and the subsequent explorations were conducted in comparative safety.

COAL-CUTTING AND WEIGHING MACHINES AT THE WIGAN EXHIBITION.—At an exhibition in the Wigan district it is only natural that a prominent place should be given to objects in connection with the getting of coal, and no less than four different coal-cutting machines are exhibited. Gillott and Copley exhibit a patent rotary coal-cutting machine, which is worked by compressed air, but it does not find much favour amongst the colliery proprietors who have seen it, as the machinery is too bulky to permit of its being worked in a very narrow seam. Head and Simpson exhibit two self-acting coal-cutting machines for right or left hand work, adapted for 18-inch seams and upwards. In one of these machines a new feature is introduced by a retort which heats the air, thus increasing the pressure, and altogether they created a favourable impression. Winstanley's machine received the most attention, and its general compactness was much admired. To meet the requirements of the weighing clauses of the new Mines Regulation Act, Messrs. Henry Pooley and Son, of Manchester, have invented a patent self-indicating coal-weighing machine. The tub of coal is run on to a turn-table, and instantly the weight of coal is indicated on a dial, and the weight of the tub by a steelyard. The Wigan Coal and Iron Company have adopted this machine for their collieries, and it appears to meet the requirements of coalowners under the new state of things. Amongst the attractions at the Exhibition, one of the most interesting, and certainly the most prominent, is a pyramid formed of coal, contributed by the colliery proprietors in the neighbourhood. The pile, which consists of about 250 tons of coal, is nearly 30 ft. high, and 8 ft. across each side of the base. Some of the blocks weigh over 2 tons, and the average value of the coal at the present market price is about 16s. per ton at the pit's mouth.

PRACTICAL MINING—EXPLOSIVES.

In the course of the Official Investigation on behalf of the United States Government, conducted under the superintendence of Dr. R. W. RAYMOND, some very valuable and interesting information concerning the mechanical appliances and materials in use amongst the miners in the Pacific States and Territories, was collected by Prof. W. P. BLAKE,* and explosives naturally received a large amount of attention. The professor commences with an interesting sketch of the use of explosives in general, first quoting Prof. Warington Smyth's observations that nothing is more surprising, considering how early gunpowder was invented and used for the purpose of piercing and shattering the bodies of men, that so great a length of time should have elapsed before its application to the purpose of blasting rocks in mining. The discovery of gunpowder for warlike purposes took place in 1344, but it was not generally introduced into mining until the last century. Its use for mining purposes is supposed to have been first proposed at Freiberg by Martin Weigal in 1613, but the idea met with little countenance, and it was not till 1631 that it began to be generally employed throughout Saxony, the Hartz, and North Germany. The practice was first adopted in England in 1670 at the Ecton Mines, North Staffordshire; and Mr. Blake adds that even so late as 1802 gunpowder had not been introduced in mining in Japan, and it was used there for the first time by Mr. Pumpelly and himself, acting in the capacity of mining engineers to the Japanese Government. Up to that time the miners of Nipon and Jesso had cut their way through the rocks by means of the pick and gad, aided sometimes by fire, and they were greatly astonished when they saw the hard rock at the end of a drift (abandoned by them because it was too hard to cut) thrown down by means of a few ounces of powder. The consumption of powder for mining purposes upon the Pacific Coast and in the mining territories has always been large. California is reported to exceed considerably 200,000 kegs annually; and the California Powder Company alone can turn out 640 kegs, of 25 lbs. each, daily. The materials for making powder are abundant and accessible in California, with the exception of nitre, which is to a great extent replaced by nitrate of soda from Peru. The peculiar dryness of the air in California for the greater part of the year permits this more deliquescent salt to be successfully used, and with proper precautions in the manufacture it makes excellent powder. A recent modification in the manufacture promises important results; glycerine is added to the grains in some way, not yet made known, and it is said to greatly increase the strength.

With regard to the new explosives recently attracting attention from engineers and miners, Prof. Blake refers to nitro-glycerine, dynamite, dualin, pyroxyline, xyloidine, gun-cotton, Oliver's powder, chlorate of potash powder, &c., and carefully points out the relative merits of each. Nitro-glycerine was discovered in 1847 by Mr. Sobrero in the laboratory of Prof. Pelouze; but public attention was not directed to it as an explosive until the labours of Mr. Nobel, a Swedish mining engineer, were made known. This liquid is obtained by the action of concentrated nitric acid, or of a mixture of nitric acid, of 40° strength, and sulphuric acid, of 66° upon glycerine it is formed like pyroxyline, and is, in fact, a trinitrate of glycerine. Pure nitro-glycerine does not appear to be liable to explode spontaneously, but if impure and acid it changes into a mixture of oxalic acid and glycerine, and may explode. Nitro-glycerine possesses about 13 times the power of gunpowder when volumes are compared, and nitro-glycerine in one bore-hole does the work of powder in 10. But the sad experience with this dreadful explosive has been such as to prevent its general introduction in mining. The accidents, showing the impossibility of controlling this agent of such wonderful power, led to the introduction of a modification of it in the mixture now known as dynamite, which is formed by mingling nitro-glycerine with infusorial earth, and it resembles moist sawdust in appearance. The consumption of it in the Pacific States is gradually increasing. In using dynamite the charge can either be tamped with water or it can be exploded without tamping. Considering the slight advantage of any other than water tamping, the time taken to apply it, the danger of disturbing or exploding the cap, and the inconvenience of priming in case of miss-fire, it is better not to use it. It is considered that nearly double the work can be performed in a given space; that the consumption of steel, hammers, and candles is about one-half; that the width of the drifts or stopes is only about one-half, requiring so much less material to be removed or hoisted from the mine; that the mining timbers are shorter; that the ore raised is so broken that it requires less spalling for the mill; and that the progress of the mine is expedited at least 40 per cent., and in wet mines fully 50 per cent. or more.

Dualin, another powerful and explosive compound recently introduced in the United States, is a mixture of nitro-glycerine and nitro-genised cellulose. It appears to correspond more nearly with lithofracture and Horsley's powder than with dynamite, and is claimed to possess many advantages over both dynamite and nitro-glycerine. It is very cheaply manufactured, costing less to the consumer than either nitro-glycerine or dynamite. It is made in 6° of strength, varying from four times to fifteen times the power of gunpowder, so as to be applicable, under the best economic conditions, to rocks, &c., of various hardness. Dualin will if lighted in the open air burn without exploding, but if confined may be made to explode in the same way as ordinary powder. It is not sensitive to concussion, will not decompose by itself nor cake or pack together, and may be readily filled into cartridges or blast-holes, requiring no other than water tamping. It may be stored in a warm, cold, dry, or damp

place, and the advantages claimed for it are that it may be stored, transported, manipulated, and applied with less risk than common powder; that it may be used in cold weather without first requiring warming, like nitro-glycerine and dynamite; that its explosion does not develop any noxious gases; that the effect of a dualin explosion is to tear and rend the material less than to pulverise it (as is the case with nitro-glycerine) when applied to mining and blasting operations in coal and rock; that dualin when confined does not necessitate the application of an exploder, but may be exploded by a blasting fuse like common powder; that its great want of sensitiveness to concussion renders it a suitable material for the bursting charge of shells; and that it may be stored for long periods or subjected for days to the action of water without losing any of its strength.

After brief reference to pyroxyline, xyloidine, and gun-cotton, Mr. Blake refers to Oliver's powder, in the composition of which the principal difference as compared with other powders is the substitution of peat for charcoal, and this, together with the method of manufacture, produces an article which it is claimed has been proved 20 to 30 per cent. stronger than any other powder now in use in the coal region. An interesting history of the explosion of charges by electricity is given, and in subsequent portions of the book, which contains throughout much useful information, boring and excavating machinery; arrangements for transportation, ventilation, &c.; crushing and grinding machinery; and separation and concentration machinery are fully referred to, so that the volume will prove extremely valuable to miners in the Western States.

SALES OF COPPER ORES.

COPPER ORES SOLD AT THE CORNISH TICKETINGS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1873.

Mine.	Tons.	Amount.
South Caradon	2915	£23,032 7 6
Devon Great Consols	6296	18,654 18 0
Glasgow Caradon	1621	9,165 6 6
Marke Valley	2655	7,797 11 0
West Seton	1870	7,366 17 0
South Crofty	1130	6,240 14 6
East Caradon	1770	5,341 5 6
Hington Down	961	5,089 13 0
Brookwood	1297	5,058 16 6
Melaniar	1195	5,052 1 0
West Tolgus	1134	3,715 11 0
East Pool	632	3,192 17 0
Penner and Abraham	319	2,833 17 6
West Basset	540	2,796 3 6
Carn Brea	788	2,390 7 0
Phoenix	698	2,138 18 0
Gawton	224	1,811 18 6
Bedford United	227	1,672 15 6
Wheal Basset	359	1,424 16 0
South Carn Brea	287	1,398 16 6
Prince of Wales	330	1,269 15 0
Craddock Moor	330	1,145 1 0
West Caradon	395	1,166 4 6
West Maria and Fortescue	356	949 4 6
Gunnislake (Clitters)	241	793 8 0
Wheal Friendship	148	736 7 0
East Seton	200	670 14 0
Carn Camborne	77	668 12 6
Wheal Buller	264	632 8 0
Wheal Russell	197	613 7 0
Wheal Crobar	80	575 15 6
Bel-ton	132	522 19 6
East Grenville	50	491 5 0
New Rosewarne	30	487 10 0
Trefry's Regulus	30	467 15 0
Botallack	75	410 8 0
New Dolcoath	81	404 16 0
South Dolcoath	28	361 18 0
North Rosewarne	105	337 15 0
Follies	56	299 19 0
Pennance	66	288 9 0
New Penbroke	78	266 17 0
Wheal Damsel United	58	264 2 0
Bampfylde	50	244 13 0
North Crofty	49	239 14 0
South France	42	182 2 0
Levant	40	176 16 0
St. Ives Consols	50	147 9 0
Dolcoath	60	136 10 0
Wheal Jewell	15	88 2 6
Florence and Tonkin	15	81 7 0
Treven	10	77 7 6
Wheal Grenville	12	61 4 0
North Rosear	22	58 2 6
New Wheal Lovell	17	38 4 6
Backington Ore	20	27 10 0
East Basset	9	25 17 6
Creegbarrow	10	25 10 0
South Tolcarne	6	21 18 0
Pengelly's Ore	4	15 12 0
East Rosewarne	4	12 10 0
Virtuous Lady	3	12 7 6
Wheal Comfort		

COMPANIES BY WHOM THE ORES WERE PURCHASED.

Mine.	Tons.	Amount.
Vivian and Sons	4041	£17,659 12 3
P. Grenfell and Sons	2308	13,217 4 6
Neville, Druce, and Co.	6431	24,136 16 11
Williams, Foster, and Co.	7281	41,149 4 6
Mason and Elkington	5233	19,085 6 7
Copper Miners' Company	481	1,529 13 0
Charles Lambert	2173	6,880 2 8
Sweetland, Tuttle, and Co.	3970	12,695 17 8
Total	32,118	£140,053 19 0

COPPER ORES SOLD AT THE SWANSEA TICKETINGS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1873.

Mines.	BRITISH.	Tons.	Amount.
Berehaven	1457	£ 9,373 16 6	
Knockmahon	1002	6,026 9 6	
Furzedon	525	2,214 5 0	
Ballycummisk	339	1,956 1 0	
Bampfylde	131	670 0 0	
Cappagh	21	296 3 0	
Clooney	14	182 5 0	
Coosheen	14	88 4 0	
Total	3497	£20,779 4 0	
COLONIAL.			
Cape	4568	£117,095 3 0	
Union	1625	6,837 0 6	
Concordia	53	1,672 12 0	
Total	6246	£125,604 15 6	
FOREIGN.			
Mammoth Copperopolis	253	£ 4,673 10 0	
Del Soto	417	3,643 11 0	
Sobral	229	1,946 13 0	
Italian	152	1,606 10 0	
Libiola	105	847 17 6	
Spanish	68	664 14 0	
Telhadelia	16	132 0 0	
Total	1240	£13,513 15 6	

COMPANIES BY WHOM THE ORES WERE PURCHASED.

Mines.	Tons.	Amount.
Copper Miners' Company	795	£ 6,928 17 0
P. Grenfell and Sons	1398	15,797 0 0
Neville, Druce, and Co.	1906	21,456 13 0
Vivian and Sons	1897	19,041 0 2
Williams, Foster, and Co.	2206	40,975 19 1
British and Foreign Copper Company	708	19,733 13 0
Mason and Elkington	590	8,618 17 0
Charles Lambert	1961	22,761 11 8
Ravenhead Copper Company	168	4,019 14 0
Sweetland, Tuttle, and Co.	643	10,847 4 6
Landore Copper Company	487	5,487 2 6
Total	12,477	£175,885 0 6

FOR SALE, ONE 80 in. and ONE 70 in. cylinder PUMPING ENGINE, with BOILERS, &c., complete. The above are equal to new, and offer a favourable opportunity to parties requiring engines of these sizes. Apply, J. C. LANTON and SON, Redruth, Cornwall.

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REQUIRED, in a Mining Office in Yorkshire, an ACTIVE MAN, who is a good DIALLER, SURVEYOR, and DRAUGHTSMAN; quick at accounts, and has a general knowledge of Mining. Address, with testimonials and salary required, to Mr. EDDY, Skipton.

FOR SALE, TWO FANS, suitable for exhausting hot gases or blowing. Schiele's patent of 1853, largest size. In good condition. Apply to the BEDFORD METAL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY (Limited), Jarrow-on-Tyne.

FOR SALE, A GOOD SECOND-HAND 60 in. cylinder PUMPING ENGINE, in good condition, 10 ft. stroke in cylinder and 8 ft. in shaft. Price, on application to FRANCIS DUNGEY, Truro Foundry, Truro, Cornwall.

FOR SALE, A FIRST-CLASS SECONDHAND CRUSHING MILL. Rolls, 27 in. diameter. Has been thoroughly refitted and repaired, and is now equal to new. Price, delivered to carrier, £75. Apply to GEORGE GREEN, Engineer, Aberystwith.

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POWERFUL WATER-WHEEL, 42 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in.—A PAIR OF DOUBLE 24 inch WINDING ENGINES. SEVERAL CORNISH BOILERS, in thorough repair.

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GEOLOGICAL COLLECTION FOR SALE.—TWO LARGE CABINETS, containing 8000 specimens, scientifically arranged, of MINERALS, ROCKS, and FOSSILS, forming a first-class private museum, price 3000 guineas. Apply to Professor TENNANT, 140, Strand, W.C., who has Elementary Collections to illustrate Geology, at 2, 5, 10, 20, to 500 guineas each. Prof. TENNANT gives Practical Instruction in Geology and Mineralogy.

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NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

The Directors of the National Provincial Bank of England hereby give notice that a HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND at the rate of EIGHT PER CENT. PER ANNUM, and a HALF-YEARLY BONUS of EIGHT PER CENT. will be PAYABLE on the Company's Stock on and after the 11th day of July next, when the Dividend and Bonus Warrants may be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 112, Bishopsgate-street (corner of Threadneedle street), or at the different branches. The Transfer Books will be closed on and after Wednesday, the 11th inst., until the Dividend and Bonus become payable.

By order of the Court of Directors, E. ATKINSON, Joint-General Manager, W. HOLT, Manager.

THE CAPE COPPER MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting of the directors of this company, held to-day, it was Resolved,—That a DIVIDEND of TWENTY SHILLINGS PER SHARE, free of income tax, be now declared, PAYABLE on the 24th day of June inst., and the transfer books be closed from the 17th to the 24th June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board, J. C. LEAVER, Secretary. 6, Queen-street-place, Upper Thames-street, London, E.C., 4th June, 1873.

PONTGIBAUD SILVER-LEAD MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given, that an "A COMPTE" or INSTALMENT of TWENTY FIVE FRANCES PER SHARE, on account of the DIVIDEND for the year 1872-73, is to be PAID on the 1st day of June next. This "A compte" will be paid at the office of the company, No. 24, Rue Richer, Paris, and at the London Agency, No. 11, Queen-street-place, on presentation of the Share Certificates, with the twelfth Dividend Coupon, not detached, which will be stamped. The payments in England will, allowing for exchange, be at the rate of 19s. 6d. per coupon (less income tax). JOHN TAYLOR AND SONS.

London Agency, No. 11, Queen-street-place, E.C., May 31, 1873.

LITTLEDEAN WOODSIDE COAL COMPANY (LIMITED).

Notice is hereby given that, after the 1st day of June next, any APPLICATION FOR SHARES in this company MUST BE MADE TO ME, and the SHARE LIST WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, the 17th June.

J. JOHNS, Secretary. Cinderford, near Newnham, Gloucestershire, 13th May, 1873.

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TIN MINING IN CORNWALL.

TO PROMOTERS OF PUBLIC COMPANIES.—A SELECTION of TWENTY TIN MINING SETTS, of first character and value, is placed in the hands of the undersigned FOR SALE, or the FORMATION of COMPANIES to WORK THEM. Confidential communications to be addressed to—N. TRIDENICK, Consulting Mining Engineer, 32, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

* "Notice of Mining Machinery and Various Mechanical Appliances in Use chiefly in the Pacific States and Territories for Mining, Raising, and Working Ores, with comparative notes of foreign apparatus for similar purposes." By WILLIAM P. BLAKE. New Haven, Conn.: Charles C. Chatfield and Co.

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IRON MINE IN CORNWALL within half a mile of railway, in direct communication for shipping. Royalty on ore, 1s. per ton. Mine is a going concern, and has every facility for shipping produce. Plans and reports to be seen at Messrs. Mason, Sons, and Knight's Office.
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The mine is within about 300 yards from the railway, and by a small outlay a wire tramway can be erected, which will entirely do away with carting.

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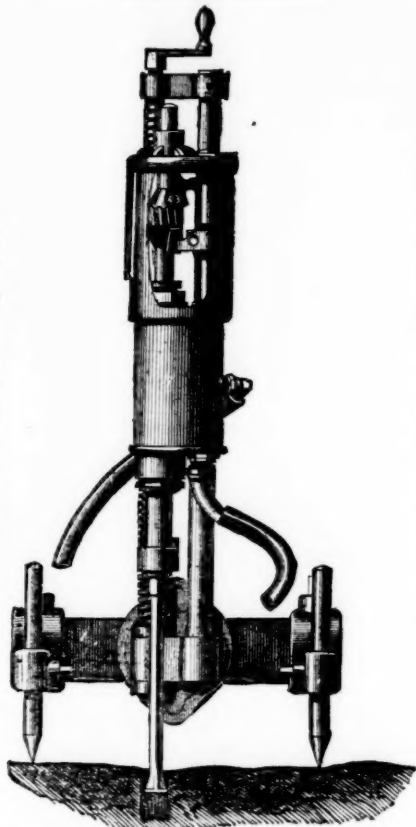
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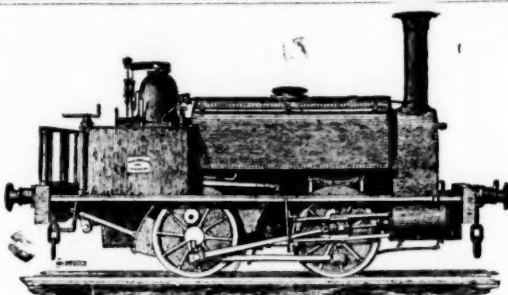
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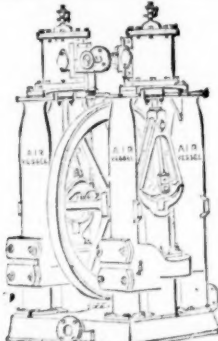
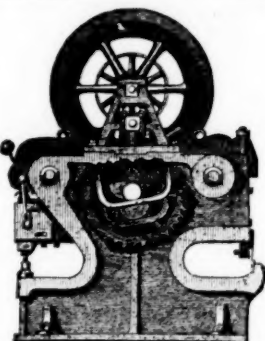
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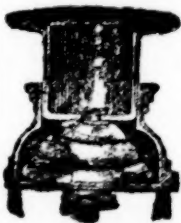
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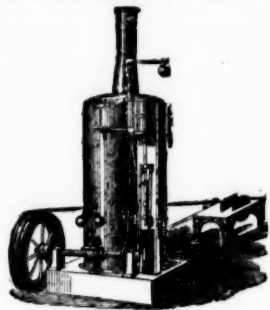
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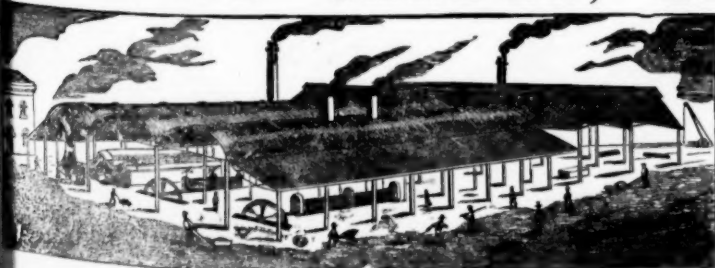
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Shares.	Mines.	Paid.	Last Pr.	Clos. Pr.	Total divs.	Per share.	Last paid
1500	Altley Edge, c, Cheshire*	10 00	—	—	11 11	8.00	5.00 Apr. 1873
20000	Alt-y-Crib, f, Talybont*	2 00	—	—	0 0 0	0.00	0.00 Feb. 1873
5500	Blanc Caelan, s, Cardigan* (44 sh.)	3 10 0	—	—	0 5 0	0.00	0.00 Oct. 1871
18000	Boscawell Downs, f, c, St. Just*	3 0 0	—	—	0 15 0	0.00	0.00 Aug. 1872
200	Bottalack, f, c, St. Just*	91 5 0	—	—	110 0 0	2.00	0.00 Jan. 1872
4000	Brookwood, c, Buckfastleigh	100 0 0	—	—	2 8 0	0.00	4.00 Mar. 1873
3345	Cargill, s, Newlyn	4 15 11	—	—	4 16 3	0.12	0.00 Oct. 1872
6400	Cashwell, f, Cumberland*	2 10 0	—	—	1 4 0	0.00	4.00 Aug. 1872
7500	Castle-an-Dinas, f, St. Columb*	2 0 0	—	—	0 8 0	0.00	0.00 Jan. 1873
1000	Carn Brea, c, f, Illogan*	35 0 0	—	—	304 0 0	3.00	0.00 Apr. 1873
2450	Corn's Kitchen, f, Illogan*	19 14 9	—	—	117 0 0	0.76	0.00 Jan. 1873
10240	Devon Gt. Consols, c, Tavistock*	49 14 6	—	—	116 0 0	0.12	0.00 May 1872
656	Ding Dong, f, Gwennap	10 14 10	—	—	7 10 0	0.15	0.00 Aug. 1870
426	Dolcoath, c, Camborne	1 0 0	—	—	102 6 8	1.00	0.00 May 1873
10000	East Ballewidden, f, Saneed*	1 0 0	—	—	0 1 3	0.00	0.00 Feb. 1873
6144	East Caradon, c, St. Cleer*	2 14 6	—	—	14 19 0	0.20	0.00 Oct. 1872
300	East Darren, f, Cardiganshire	32 0 0	—	—	213 0 0	1.00	0.00 Apr. 1873
6400	East Pool, f, c, Illogan	0 9 9	—	—	13 11 3	0.26	0.00 May 1873
5000	Emmott, c, Christow	0 7 6	—	—	0 1 0	0.10	0.00 May 1873
2800	Foxdale, f, Isle of Man*	28 0 0	—	—	80 15 0	0.10	0.00 Sept. 1872
3560	Gawton, c, Tavistock	3 10 6	—	—	0 13 0	0.10	0.00 May 1872
40000	Glasgow Carr, c, (30,000 £1 p., 10,000 15s. p.)	2 10 0	—	—	0 3 10	0.10	0.00 Jan. 1873
18000	Great Laxey, f, Isle of Man*	4 0 0	—	—	16 1 0	0.10	0.00 June 1873
4908	Great Wheel Vor, f, c, Helston*	40 0 0	—	—	15 19 6	0.26	0.00 June 1872
6400	Green Hurth, f, Cumberland*	0 6 0	—	—	0 16 0	0.40	0.00 May 1873
10240	Gunnislake (Clitters), f, c	5 20 0	—	—	0 2 0	0.10	0.00 Nov. 1870
1024	Herodsfoot, f, near Liskeard*	8 10 0	—	—	62 5 0	0.15	0.00 Dec. 1872
6000	Hington Downs, c, Calstock*	6 4 0	—	—	0 3 11 0	0.06	0.00 Mar. 1873
25000	Killaloe, s, Tipperary	1 0 0	—	—	0 2 0	0.20	0.00 Jan. 1873
400	Kilfrith, f, Clunawater	1 0 0	—	—	556 10 0	1.00	0.00 Jan. 1873
400	Lisburne, c, Cardiganshire	15 15 0	—	—	0 12 0	0.40	0.00 Apr. 1873
2754	Lovell, f, Wendron	3 0 0	—	—	7 13 0	0.26	0.00 Apr. 1873
9000	Marke Valley, c, Cardigan*	4 10 6	—	—	62 3 8	0.80	0.00 Feb. 1873
9000	Miners Mining Co., f, Wrexham*	5 0 0	—	—	0 8 0	0.36	0.00 July 1872
20000	Mining Co. of Ireland, d, c	7 0 0	—	—	0 17 0	0.26	0.00 July 1872
6400	New Pembroke, f, c, Par Station	5 0 0	—	—	0 13 0	0.12	0.00 Sept. 1872
12000	North Hendre, f, Wales	10 12 0	—	—	4 13 0	0.12	0.00 Sept. 1872
2000	North Levant, f, c, St. Just	8 2 0	—	—	0 5 0	0.50	0.00 Nov. 1871
6000	Pen-an-drea, f, Redruth	8 2 0	—	—	2 18 0	0.30	0.00 Nov. 1873
6000	Penhalva, f, St. Agnes	3 0 0	—	—	39 19 0	0.40	0.00 Nov. 1872
6000	Phenix, f, c, Linkinhorne	4 3 4	—	—	1 12 6	0.50	0.00 Mar. 1872
1772	Pollard, f, c, Gwennap	15 0 0	—	—	1 10 0	0.10	0.00 Oct. 1870
2000	Poldice, f, c, Gwennap	10 0 0	—	—	104 12 6	0.10	0.00 Sept. 1872
1120	Providence, f, c, Yn Lelant	10 6 7	—	—	0 19 0	0.76	0.00 Apr. 1873
18000	Prince Patrick, f, c, Holywell	1 0 0	—	—	0 19 6	0.16	0.00 June 1871
12000	Roman Gravel, f, Saneed*	7 10 0	—	—	0 14 6	0.16	0.00 June 1871
6800	Roseberry Hill and Ransom, f, c	0 0 0	—	—	0 1 0	0.10	0.00 Feb. 1872
10000	Shelton, f, c, St. Austell	1 0 0	—	—	0 1 1	0.11	0.00 Sept. 1872
6000	Slimeford Dressing, f, Calstock*	1 0 0	—	—	706 10 0	4.00	0.00 May 1872
512	South Caradon, c, St. Cleer	1 5 0	—	—	0 10 0	0.26	0.00 July 1872
5000	South Carn Brea, c, f, Illogan	1 17 6	—	—	1 1 6	0.16	0.00 Nov. 1870
6000	South Darren, f, Cardigan	3 6 6	—	—	15 5 0	0.10	0.00 June 1872
242	Spearhead, f, c, St. Just	38 17 9	—	—	0 10 0	0.10	0.00 May 1869
940	St. Ives Consols, f, c, St. Ives	10 10 0	—	—	0 9 0	0.40	0.00 Nov. 1871
8771	St. Just Amalgamated, f, c	3 0 0	—	—	3 8 0	0.60	0.00 Feb. 1873
25000	Tankerville, f, Salop*	6 0 0	—	—	0 3 0	0.16	0.00 Oct. 1872
25000	Terras, f, c, St. Austell	1 0 0	—	—	0 3 0	0.16	0.00 Oct. 1872
1000	Tincroft, c, f, Pool, Illogan	9 0 0	—	—	44 3 6	1.10	0.00 Mar. 1873
4000	Trumpet Consols, f, Helston	5 15 0	—	—	9 11 0	0.18	0.00 Mar. 1873
5000	Van, f, Llanidloes*	4 5 0	—	—	52 5 0	0.76	0.00 Mar. 1873
3000	W. Chiverton, f, Perranzabuloe	10 10 0	—	—	0 12 6	0.50	0.00 Oct. 1872
2048	West Wheel Frances, f, Illogan	26 13 11	—	—	0 3 0	0.10	0.00 Dec. 1871
25000	Wheel Arthur, f, c, Calstock	1 0 0	—	—	638 10 0	1.10	0.00 Aug. 1872
512	Wheel Basset, f, Illogan	5 2 6	—	—	0 13 6	0.26	0.00 Sept. 1872
6178	Wheel Grenville, c, Camborne*	7 14 6	—	—	10 0 0	0.76	0.00 May 1873
2048	Wheel Jane, f, c, Kea	2 13 10	—	—	14 2 6	0.50	0.00 Jan. 1872
426	Wheel Kitty, f, St. Agnes	5 4 6	—	—	82 3 0	0.10	0.00 May 1872
2048	Wheel Kitty, f, c, Yn Lelant	3 10 6	—	—	74 3 0	0.40	0.00 Mar. 1873
866	Wheel Margaret, f, c, Yn Lelant	13 17 6	—	—	52 10 0	4.00	0.00 Aug. 1872
10000	Wheel Mary, f, c, Dennis*	5 0 0	—	—	0 2 0	0.10	0.00 Jan. 1871
1024	Wheel Mary Ann, f, c, Menheniot*	10 0 0	—	—	0 1 0	0.10	0.00 Jan. 1871
60	Wheel Russell, f, c, Tavistock	70 0 0	—	—	0 1 6	0.00	0.00 May 1873
12000	Wheel Tregoss, f, c, Roche	1 0 0	—	—	52 9 0	0.26	0.00 Dec. 1872
15000	Wheel Whistler, f, c, Warleggan*	1 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
25000	Wicklow, c, s, c, Wicklow	2 10 0	—	—	—	—	—

FOREIGN DIVIDEND MINES.

Shares.	Mines.	Paid.	Last Pr.	Clos. Pr.	Total divs.	Per share.	Last paid
25000	Alamillos, f, Spain*	2 0 0	—	—	1 19 0	0.26	0.00 Mar. 1873
130000	Almaden and Tinto Consol. *	1 0 0	—	—	0 3 3	0.10	0.00 Dec. 1872
20000	Australian, c, South Australia*	7 6 0	—	—	0 9 6	0.20	0.00 Aug. 1872
10000	Battle Mountain, c, (6240 port pl.)	5 0 0	—	—	0 10 0	0.10	0.00 Nov. 1872
15000	Birdseye Creek, c, California*	4 0 0	—	—	0 7 0	0.20	0.00 April 1873
6000	Bensberg, f, Germany*	10 0 0	—	—	0 9 4	0.60	0.00 Mar. 1873
12320	Burra Burra, c, So. Australia	5 0 0	—	—	54 0 0	0.10	0.00 Oct. 1872
2000	Cape Copper Mining, f, So. Africa	7 0 0	—	—	12 15 0	1.00	0.00 June 1873
40000	Cedar Creek, c, California*	5 0 0	—	—	0 2 6	0.26	0.00 Feb. 1873
30000	Central American Association*	2 0 0	—	—	0 6 0	0.10	0.00 May 1869
15000	Chicago, f, Utah*	5 0 0	—	—	0 8 0	0.20	0.00 Oct. 1871
10000	Colorado Territorial, f, Colorado*	5 0 0	—	—	2 8 0	0.20	0.00 Mar. 1872
7182	Don Pedro North of Rey*	0 14 0	—	—	1 0 0	0.10	0.00 July 1871
23500	Eberhardt and Aurora, f, Nevada*	10 0 0	—	—	3 12 0	0.60	0.00 Dec. 1872
6000	Emma, f, c, Utah (25,000 fully pd.)	5 0 0	—	—	2 7 3	0.26	0.00 Mar. 1873
7000	English and Australian, f, S. Aust.	2 10 0	—	—	0 3 0	0.30	0.00 April 1872
15000	Ferguson, c, California*	2 0 0	—	—	0 10 0	0.20	0.00 May 1873
3000	Flagstaff, f, Utah*	10 0 0	—	—	0 24 0	0.40	0.00 Oct. 1872
5000	Fortuna, f, Spain*	2 0 0	—	—	0 1 0	0.60	0.00 Nov. 1868
5000	Gold Run, f, c, California*	2 0 0	—	—	1 11 6	0.16	0.00 Mar. 1873
6000	Kapuni Mining Co. Australia*	1 30 0	—	—	0 5 0	0.50	0.00 Jan. 1873
20000	Last Chance, f, c, Utah	5 0 0	—	—	14 10 0	0.76	0.00 Mar. 1873
15000	Linares, f, Spain*	3 0 0	—	—	1 11 6	0.16	0.00 Mar. 1873
7837	Lusitania, Portugal* (45 shares)	3 0 0	—	—	0 5 0	0.50	0.00 Dec. 1872
15000	Mammoth Copperopolis of Utah, c, s	10 0 0	—	—	4 0 0	4.00	0.00 Jan. 1873
5000	Mountain Chief, f, Utah*	10 0 0	—	—	13 11 0	0.19	0.00 June 1873
18000	Preussische Berg- u. Hütten, f, c	20 0 0	—	—	1 8 0	0.10	0.00 Jan. 1872
10000	Puerto Rico, f, c, Clunes*	1 0 0	—	—	0 4 0	0.40	0.00 April 1871
40000	Richmond Consols, c, Nevada*	5 0 0	—	—	1 2 0	0.20	0.00 Mar. 1873
120000	Scottish Australian Mining Co. f, c	1 0 0	—	—	0 12 2	0.50	0.00 June 1871
112500	Sierra Buttes, c, California*	2 0 0	—	—	1 11 0	0.20	0.00 Aug. 1872
6000	South Aurora, c, Nevada*	5 0 0	—	—	0 5 0	0.20	0.00 Nov. 1872
15000	Sweetland Creek, c, California*	4 0 0	—	—	26 10 0	5.00	0.00 Dec. 1872
20000	Tolima, c, s, (6000 sh. are £5 f. pd.)	3 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
800	Westphalian, s, c, Prussia*	20 0 0	—	—	—	—	—

NON-DIVIDEND FOREIGN MINES.

Shares.	Mines.	Paid.	Last Pr.	Clos. Pr.	Last Coll.
50000	Anglo-Argentine, <i>g</i> , s, * (15 per cent. Preference)	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
20000	Anglo-Australian, <i>g</i> , Victoria*	2 5 0	—	—	May 1872
50000	Aruba, <i>g</i> , Dutch West Indies*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
20000	Australian United, <i>g</i> , Victoria*	2 10 0	—	—	Fully pd.
3000	Bellavista, <i>s</i> , Peru* (£10 shares)	0 15 0	—	—	Oct. 1872
50000	Braganza, <i>g</i> , Brazil**	0 15 0	—	—	Oct. 1870
12000	Camp Floyd, <i>s</i> , Utah*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
25000	Cerro Sulphur Company, Romanga, Italy*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50152	Chontales, <i>g</i> , s, Nicaragua* (and 12,542 <i>g</i> of £1 sh.)	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
6000	Clifton, <i>s</i> , Colorado*	5 0 0	—	—	Feb. 1872
10000	Crescent, <i>g</i> , Plumas County, California*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
100000	Culaba, <i>g</i> , Minas Gerais, Brazil*	0 17 6	—	—	June 1872
7500	East Sheboygan Preference* (40,000 ordinary shares)	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
35000	Excelsior Hydraulic Gold Washing Co., California*	6 0 0	—	—	Dec. 1871
60000	Exchequer, <i>g</i> , s, Bolivia*	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
150000	Frontino and Bolivia, <i>g</i> , New Granada*	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	General Brazilian, <i>g</i> *	0 15 0	—	—	May 1873
40000	Holcombe Valley, <i>g</i> , s, California*	3 0 0	—	—	April 1873
10000	Hudson, <i>g</i> , California*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
20000	Imperial Brazilian Collieries, Brazil*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
20000	I. X. L., <i>g</i> , s, California*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Javali, <i>g</i> , Nicaragua*	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
11000	Kansas, <i>g</i> , Colorado*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
12000	Lanerosa, <i>g</i> , s, Vizcaya, Spain (£2 shares)	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
165000	London and California*, <i>g</i> **	1 5 0	—	—	Sept. 1872
75000	Malabar, <i>g</i> , Colombia* (65000 issued)	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
4000	Malaga, <i>g</i> , Spain*	0 12 6	—	—	Feb. 1873
20000	Malpas, <i>g</i> , Colombia*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
12000	Malpas, <i>g</i> , Colombia*	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
12000	Menzenberg, <i>g</i> , Honnef, Germany*	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
14000	Montague & Waverley Gold Quartz Crushing Co., N. Scot.	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
6000	Monte Loretto, <i>g</i> , Italy*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
51000	New Quebrada, <i>g</i> , Venezuela*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	New Rosario, <i>s</i> , Mexico*	4 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	New Zealand Kapanza, <i>g</i> , Coromandel*	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
10000	Newfoundland, * <i>c</i> (£10 shares)	5 0 0	—	—	Allocation
20000	North American, <i>g</i> , s, Nevada*	9 0 0	—	—	Mar. 1873
15000	Pacific, <i>g</i> , s, Nevada (and reduced)*	4 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Panicle, <i>g</i> , Chile*	7 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Panicle, <i>g</i> , Chile*	7 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Pestarena United, <i>g</i> , Italy*	3 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Rica, <i>g</i> , Colombia* (4000 issued)	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
20000	Rosa Grande, <i>g</i> , Brazil* (£1 shares)	0 18 0	—	—	July 1872
22500	Ruby Consolidated, <i>s</i> , Nevada*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
20000	Russia, <i>c</i> , Orenburg and Uta†	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
25000	San Pedro, <i>c</i> , Chile*	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
15000	Santa Barbara, <i>g</i> , Brazil*	0 4 0	—	—	Oct. 1872
15000	Sutton, <i>s</i> , Utah*	5 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
10000	Silver Plume, <i>s</i> , Colorado*	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
37500	Snowdrift, <i>s</i> , Colorado*	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
2200	St. John del Rey, Brazil†	100 0 0	—	—	Oct. 1872
25000	Star of Nevada, * (12000 issued)	2 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Tecoma, <i>s</i> , Utah*	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
50000	Thornhill Reef, <i>g</i> , Austral†	10 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
10000	Union Reef, <i>g</i> , New Mexico†	25 7 8	—	—	May 1868
14000	Utah, <i>g</i> , s, Utah* (£5 sh.)	4 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
25000	Yorke Peninsula, <i>c</i> , South Australia	1 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.
8000	Yudamutana, <i>c</i> , South Australia ††	8 0 0	—	—	Fully pd.